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**ALLEGHENY GENERAL HOSPITAL** 

**ALLEGHENY GENERAL HOSPITAL-SUBURBAN CAMPUS**

Since its beginnings in 1885, when it was no more than two adjoining brick homes, Allegheny General Hospital (*AGH*) has always been distinguished by excellence. An institution that has earned national and international recognition for its technological innovations, medical research and health sciences education, Allegheny General has, for so many years, been positioned among the nation's elite health care providers.

Allegheny General's main campus is located on Pittsburgh's historic North Side — a 665-bed academic medical center that has an enduring tradition of pushing past the known boundaries of medicine to find novel approaches of patient care. For several years, Allegheny General has been recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the nation's top hospitals. The publication has lauded Allegheny General for its quality of care in the fields of cancer, orthopaedic surgery, hormonal disorders and digestive diseases, as well as neurology/neurosurgery, urology, otolaryngology, rheumatology and geriatric medicine. AGH has also been listed among "America's Best Hospitals" in orthopaedics and stroke care by HCIA-Sachs, a leading health care industry research organization, and was named one of the country's top 25 hospitals by *Modern Maturity* magazine.

In addition, Allegheny General was recognized as an eight-time recipient of the National Research Corporation's (*NRC*) Consumer Choice Award for Western Pennsylvania. AGH was one of approximately 210 U.S. medical centers and hospitals cited for excellence in patient care in a national consumer survey of 180 metropolitan areas.

As one of the largest tertiary facilities in the region, Allegheny General — and its Suburban Campus in nearby Bellevue — offers the most advanced care available in a variety of specialty areas, including allergy/immunology, anesthesiology/pain medicine, bariatric/weight loss surgery, cardiology, cardiothoracic surgery, colorectal surgery, critical care medicine, dental medicine, diagnostic and interventional radiology, emergency medicine, endocrinology, gastroenterology, general surgery, infectious disease, internal medicine, maternal and fetal medicine, minimally invasive surgery, neonatology, nephrology, neurology, neurosurgery, nutrition, obstetrics/gynecology, oncology, ophthalmology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthopaedic surgery, otorhinolaryngology, pathology and laboratory medicine, pediatrics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, plastic and reconstructive surgery, psychiatry, pulmonary medicine, radiation oncology, reproductive medicine and infertility, rheumatology, transplant surgery, urogynecology, and vascular surgery.

The hospital's highly acclaimed physicians are leaders in a vast array of specialty areas. Allegheny General's specialists in cardiology and cardiothoracic surgery have been recognized among the nation's best for their experience and achievements in providing superior heart care. With the opening of AGH's Gerald McGinnis Cardiovascular Institute, these specialists can now offer a more streamlined pathway of care for treating cardiac and vascular diseases. Patients can receive the latest and most innovative therapies, as well as diagnostic and educational services, in one convenient location.

Neurologists and neurosurgeons at Allegheny General are advancing groundbreaking, effective treatments for stroke, epilepsy, movement disorders and disorders of the peripheral nerves and muscles.

Uniquely designed to promote the highest quality of comprehensive care and convenience for cancer patients and their families, the Allegheny General Hospital Cancer Center offers a gateway to disease-specific medical clinics, directed by some of the world's top medical, radiation and surgical oncologists. The center is equipped with the latest diagnostic and therapeutic technology; offers novel therapies being explored through clinical trials; and provides vital genetic counseling and social and spiritual support services.

Allegheny General was the first in the region to receive designation as a Level I Shock Trauma Center, which is the highest designation available, and its LifeFlight aeromedical service was the first to fly in the northeastern United States. Health-care industry experts consider the hospital among the country's best in orthopaedics for patient care and for being on the forefront of design, development and introduction of new orthopaedic technology.

AGH's Bariatric Surgery Center was named a Center of Excellence by the American Society of Bariatric Surgery — a designation that recognizes surgical programs with a demonstrated track record of favorable outcomes in bariatric surgery.

AGH's neuroscience programs were recognized as a Neuroscience Center of Excellence. Less than half of the 150 hospitals evaluated in the annual Neuroscience Center of Excellence survey received this distinction.

Designated as a Primary Stroke Center by the Joint Commission, AGH offers a dedicated Stroke Unit that serves as the primary destination for stroke patients admitted to the hospital, providing highly specialized acute care for ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke, including the post-operative care of patients who undergo interventional stroke procedures.

A long-standing commitment to education and research remains a cornerstone of the hospital's philosophy, as evidenced by its continued affiliation with Philadelphia-based Drexel University College of Medicine and the ongoing, innovative research studies in neurosciences, medical oncology, human genetics, cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases, orthopaedics and trauma.

In addition, Allegheny General is the gateway to some of the most prominent research into breast and colorectal cancer prevention through studies conducted by the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project (*NSABP*). This premier international cancer cooperative, supported by the National Cancer Institute, with headquarters on the AGH campus, has members throughout North America, Hawaii, Australia and Ireland that accrue patients to clinical trials in breast and bowel cancer. The NSABP has been responsible for setting the standard of care in these malignancies.

Allegheny General Hospital — Suburban Campus (*AGH — SC*) is a 59-bed acute care community hospital that offers the prestigious and specialty services of Allegheny General in a community setting. The hospital's medical programs include a strong spectrum of cardiac and pulmonary services, as well as a distinguished gastroenterology program. Surgical specialties are well represented with physician specialists in such areas as general surgery, orthopaedics, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, urology, vascular surgery and gynecology. AGH — SC also houses inpatient pediatric services, the Institute for

Advanced Pain Medicine, a Sleep Lab, and an imaging center offering radiological services, bone densitometry, CT and other imaging services. In addition, the hospital offers occupational, physical and speech therapies.

Allegheny General Hospital — and its Suburban Campus — annually admit 31,500 patients and log about 60,000 emergency visits and more than 26,000 surgical procedures. Nearly 1,000 physicians and approximately 4,500 employees share the hospital's commitment to excellence. Serving Pittsburgh and the surrounding five-state area, AGH and AGH-SC are members of the West Penn Allegheny Health System, comprised of some of the oldest and best-known names in health care in western Pennsylvania. In addition to AGH and AGH-SC, the system includes Alle-Kiski Medical Center in Natrona Heights; Canonsburg General Hospital in Canonsburg; The Western Pennsylvania Hospital — Forbes Regional Campus in Monroeville; and The Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh.

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