

Some of the Milestones of Our First 40 Years



For 40 years UHS has put vision into action by continually enhancing care and service in the Southern Tier. This includes major projects, such as the upcoming expansion of UHS Wilson Medical Center in Johnson City and the Chenango Medical Neighborhood in Norwich.

1981

In August, Ideal-Wilson Medical Center and Binghamton General Hospital officially joined to become United Health Services (UHS).

1982

The UHS Foundation was formed as an independent corporation to raise money and provide grants in support of quality care at the not-for-profit UHS Hospitals, UHS Senior Living at Ideal and Twin Tier Home Health.

1984

Ideal Hospital ceased operations as an acute-care hospital, with Mediacenter, UHS' first modern walk-in facility, opening on the Ideal campus.

1985

A new center for maternal and child healthcare and perinatology was opened at UHS Wilson Medical Center.

1987

As part of a new, innovative facility master plan, UHS embarked on a major project to modernize the hospitals. The results included the Decker Center for Advanced Medical Treatment, the Wilson Square medical office complex and consolidation of behavioral health programs at UHS Binghamton General Hospital.

1988

UHS leaders and citizens around the community launched an effort to bring open heart surgery to Broome County. Residents collected 36,000 signatures on petitions in a successful drive to win New York State Department of Health approval for the program.

1989

An open heart surgery program became a reality, starting at UHS Binghamton General

Hospital, then relocating to UHS Wilson Medical Center. The Robert M. Best Center for Cardiac Services became the region's largest facility specializing in cardiac surgery and invasive cardiology.

1990

This year saw UHS open the new UHS Senior Living at Ideal, a residential campus for the elderly that includes a nursing home, plus independent and assisted living options. This facility was a restoration of the former Ideal Hospital campus in Endicott.

1990

Professional Home Care joined UHS, providing home-care patients with durable medical equipment and high-tech nursing services.

1991

UHS took another significant step forward in providing all-encompassing care when it welcomed United Medical Associates, P.C., the area's largest multi-specialty medical group, as an affiliate. Over the years, the UHS Medical Group has grown further, now numbering more than 400 providers in Broome and surrounding counties.

1995

Chenango Memorial Hospital in Norwich joined the UHS healthcare system, enhancing the patient experience for residents of the Chenango County area.

1996

Twin Tier Home Health joined the UHS family, combining with Professional Home Care to offer residents of the region quality nursing, medication and technological care in the home setting. The organizations today are known as UHS Home Care.

1997

Delaware Valley Hospital, serving Walton and Delaware County, joined the System, eventually achieving designation as a critical access hospital in 2005.

1998

Oncology services were consolidated and expanded through the opening of the Cancer Care Center at the Wilson Square location. Offering surgery, radiation and chemotherapy services, the center features an inpatient unit, radiation oncology unit, clinic and the CyberKnife Center of New York.

2001

Having opened in Walton in 1951, UHS Delaware Valley Hospital celebrated its 50th anniversary.

2001

UHS marked its 20th anniversary as a consolidated healthcare system. In August, a Founders' Day celebration was held at Binghamton University.

2002

A new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, capable of accommodating 16 infants at a time, opened on the 7,500-square-foot North Wing 5 at UHS Wilson Medical Center.

2003

A new Gastroenterology Suite with six procedure rooms opened on Krembs 2 at UHS Binghamton General Hospital.

2010

A new Ambulatory Surgery Center, which includes a centralized pre-admission testing program, opened at Wilson Place, 52 Harrison St. in Johnson City, adjacent to UHS Wilson Medical Center.

2011

The Family Medicine Residency Program at UHS Hospitals celebrated its 40th anniversary. UHS trains many doctors through its medical residency programs, with a number of the providers choosing to remain in the region to begin their practices.

2012

UHS took outpatient healthcare in the Southern Tier to a new level in 2012 with the opening of UHS Vestal at 4417 Vestal Parkway East. As the centrally located home base of the UHS Breast Center, a UHS Walk-In Center and medical offices in Primary Care, Pediatrics, Rheumatology, Cardiology and Gynecology, UHS Vestal became the community's premier location for quality ambulatory care. With support services, such as Pharmacy, Laboratory, Imaging and MRI on site, UHS Vestal quickly became a significant healthcare resource in the community.

2012

The national news magazine U.S. News & World Report ranked UHS as one of the top

hospitals in New York State, and gave UHS similar high marks in succeeding years in its annual special editions on hospital quality.

2012

UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital celebrated the facility's centennial with a wide range of community activities commemorating the hospital's founding in 1912.

2014

All cardiac services provided by UHS were integrated into the newly named and dedicated UHS Heart & Vascular Institute, based at UHS Wilson Medical Center and extending across the UHS System.

2014

UHS Home Care, which includes Professional Home Care and Twin Tier Home Health, relocated from the Vestal Parkway to a remodeled, centrally located facility at 601 Riverside Drive in Johnson City. The former medical building on the Traffic Circle was transformed into a medical equipment showroom and offices for home care management and staff.

2016

The UHS Orthopedic Center opened on the Vestal Parkway, next to UHS Vestal. The center features such specialties as orthopedic surgery, hand surgery, adult hip and knee reconstructive surgery, school-based care, and sports medicine, complete with a sports medicine gym.

2019

UHS was pleased to host a visit by legendary golfer Jack Nicklaus for a live, in-person event at the Dick's Sporting Goods Open. "Stories with Jack" was the feature program of the 2019 UHS Golf Expo Presented by Dr. Bai Lee. Over the years, the UHS Golf Expo has hosted other famed golfers, including Nancy Lopez, Annika Sorenstam and Peter Jacobsen.

2020

After years of planning and hard work by many teams of staff, providers and leaders, UHS became powered by the Epic electronic health record and revenue cycle system. The leading health record system in the country features MyChart, a confidential online chart that puts the patient in the driver's seat of their care.

2020

As part of the most recent facility master plan, the Gateway Building opened on the campus of UHS Wilson Medical Center, featuring on-site food preparation, a dining area and strategically needed offices and conference areas.

2021

UHS launched "Hospital Care at Home," allowing COVID-19 patients with other underlying conditions to convalesce at home, under physician supervision, after discharge from the hospital.