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Located in Belleville, Clara Maass Medical Center, an RWJBarnabas Health hospital, is a 472-bed acute care medical center serving Essex, Hudson, Passaic and Bergen counties. Founded in 1869 as the Newark German Hospital, the medical center is named for an American nurse, Clara Louise Maass.

The medical center is one of the area’s most trusted resources for specialty services such as orthopedics, neurosurgery (including brain and spine), oncology, bariatrics and women’s health, and offers superior care in behavioral health, including electroconvulsive therapy; obstetrics; gynecology and labor and delivery; and robotic surgery. The medical center leads the state in offering advanced treatment in ophthalmology. Clara Maass Medical Center’s cardiac services program offers advanced catheterization procedures including emergent and elective angioplasty through the wrist to reduce recovery time, and is nationally recognized for acute coronary syndrome, heart failure and cardiac rehabilitation.

The medical center is designated as a Primary Stroke Center by the New Jersey Department of Health and the Joint Commission. Clara Maass Medical Center, together with Rutgers Cancer Institute, the state’s only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, provides patients access to the most advanced cancer treatments including clinical trials, cellular therapies, complex surgical procedures and sophisticated radiation therapy techniques. The medical center completed a transformational facility campaign that resulted in a new Emergency Department entrance, which opened in 2019 and features a redesigned entrance with a single new walk-in/drop-off entrance, a new treatment room, two spacious waiting areas (with charging stations at each seat) — one for pediatric patients and the other for general population emergency patients — a consultation room for private conversations with patients and families, and a discharge lounge specifically for patients who are waiting for transportation home or for additional instructions from the medical center’s health team. A 13-bed Pediatric Treat and Release Unit and Observation Unit and Behavioral Health Unit opened in 2019 to treat patients under evaluation by the Psychiatric Emergency Screening Services team. The new unit provides six private patient rooms with flat-screen televisions in each room, a secure area for patient belongings and a private consultation room for the health care team and patient families.

Since 2018, the medical center has unveiled four state-of-the-art operating rooms, a post-anesthesia care unit and a 23-bed observation unit for adult patients. The campus expansion project included construction of a four-story 87,000-square-foot building featuring a 32-bed Intensive Care Unit, two levels of medical office building space, a main lobby, an admitting and registration department, a retail pharmacy with concierge service and an additional level to the parking garage, all of which opened in 2017. Committed to the health and wellness of its community, the Center of Excellence for Latino Health at Clara Maass Medical Center was established in 2016 to address the social determinants of health within the local Hispanic community. The first hospital in the country to be named for a nurse, the hospitals’ namesake, Clara Louise Maass, was posthumously inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame.



Vital Statistics

472
Beds

2,200
Employees

690
Physicians

750
Nurses

200
Volunteers

1,700
Births

15,344
Admissions

72,924
ED Visits

11,069
Surgeries
(including Same Day)

121,061
Outpatient Cases



Honors & Awards



- Named to Becker’s 100 Great Community Hospitals 2025
- Named in Healthgrades America’s 50 Best Hospitals for Outpatient Prostate Care Award and Earned Five-Star Rating in Obstetrics and Gynecology Excellence Award; Labor and Delivery Excellence Award from Healthgrades
- Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval with Disease-Specific Care Certification in Congestive Heart Failure, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Elective Joint Hip Replacement, Elective Joint Knee Replacement, Advanced Certification in Palliative Care, and Primary Stroke
- Designated as Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence by American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Aetna Institute and Clinical Sciences Institute of Optum
- One of only 101 hospitals in the U.S. on Money.com’s first-ever Best Hospitals for Bariatric Surgery list
- Earned designation in LGBTQ Healthcare Equality from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation
- Platinum recognition from HRSA as part of National Hospital Organ Donation Campaign Workplace Partnership for Life Hospital Campaign for increased organ donation efforts



- Named CHIME Digital Health Most Wired - Acute
- Accredited for Adult Echocardiogram and Adult TEE by Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (ICAEL)
- Center for Breast Health and Disease Management accredited by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers
- Designated Surgical Quality Partner by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) with Metabolic and Bariatric Accreditation
- Designated Primary Stroke Center by the New Jersey Department of Health
- Accredited in Radiation Oncology, Breast Ultrasound and Mammography by the American College of Radiology
- Named Center of Excellence in Antimicrobial Stewardship by Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) and Awarded Antimicrobial Stewardship Honor Roll (ASHR) by the NJ Department of Health
- Named to American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)’s Emergency Quality Network (E-QUAL) Honor Roll