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You may know Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset as your community hospital that has been caring for generations of families for more than a century.

But did you know Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset is...

Nationally recognized for patient safety

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset earned national recognition as a Top Small Teaching Hospital by the Leapfrog Group – one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive. Among thousands of teaching hospitals in the country, RWJUH Somerset was one of only 53 hospitals nationwide to receive this distinction.

The Leapfrog Group, a leading national hospital watchdog organization, gave Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset its highest grade — an “A” – eight times.

We’ve also been honored with Healthgrades Patient Safety Excellence Award™, ranking among the top 5% in the nation for patient safety. Only 13 hospitals in New Jersey achieved this recognition.

Our low infection rates are among the quality indicators that factor into our outstanding patient safety ratings. These rates include catheter-associated urinary tract infections, central line-associated blood stream infections, methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), C. difficile infections and surgical site infections.

Among New Jersey’s best hospitals

U.S. News & World Report has rated Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset among the top hospitals in New Jersey. In the 2019 ratings, we ranked 9th out of 111 hospitals in New Jersey and 22nd out of 197 hospitals in the New York Metro region, which includes New York City, Long Island, Westchester County and northern New Jersey. The U.S. News & World Report listing is considered to be the nation’s most prestigious hospital ranking system.

The ER doctor was fabulous. He had an excellent bedside manner, explained all procedures and care that was going to be done. Mom’s ER nurse was very understanding, knowledgeable and truly caring. Every person that came in contact with my mother — the lab techs, EKG tech, X-ray department — had made my mother feel very much at ease and comfortable...I knew my mother was in great hands.
Providing world-class nursing care

As a two-time recipient of the Magnet® Award for Nursing Excellence by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, our nurses are recognized for achieving the highest standards in their profession. Only 8% of hospitals nationwide have earned Magnet recognition.

In 2018, our nurses cared for 13,465 inpatients; 52,182 patients treated in the Emergency Department and 177,795 patients who underwent outpatient procedures, including same-day surgery.

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(My nurse) is amazing at what she does. She got me through the long days here. She helped me make sure calls were made that impacted my future care... She made sure all safety measures were taken at all times but she did all of this with love and kindness while giving the same attention to her other patients.”
Honored for surgical excellence

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset is accredited as a Center of Excellence in Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery by Surgical Review Corporation — one of only five in New Jersey — to achieve this designation.

We’ve also earned the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for total hip and total knee replacement surgery. We performed 656 joint replacement surgeries in 2018 – 91 percent of whom were able to go directly home from the hospital.

“Most Wired”

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset has been named one of the nation’s “Most Wired” hospitals by the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) — one of only 13 in New Jersey. Hospitals designated “Most Wired” are on the forefront of using healthcare information technology to enhance the delivery of care, improving patient safety and outcomes.

1 of only 13 in New Jersey

1 of only 5
On the front lines of cancer care

The Sanofi US Breast Care Program at the Steeplechase Cancer Center is one of only 25 in New Jersey accredited by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC). The center recorded 14,610 breast procedures in 2018.

In addition to breast cancer screenings, the cancer center also offers a full range of outpatient care services close to home with nearly 19,000 patient visits per year, including 5,400 radiation therapy treatments and 1,260 infusion treatments.

Through our partnership with Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey — the state’s only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center — 221 patients were enrolled in clinical research studies at the Steeplechase Cancer Center last year, giving them access to promising new treatments.

"The team at the Breast Care Center made those first days of testing and diagnosis as easy as possible during a time that was filled with fear and anxiety. The simple act of holding my hand during a painful procedure meant everything to me... My surgeon was compassionate, patient and thorough every step of the way... The Radiation Oncology staff will always hold a special place in my heart for their amazing care and support."
Delivering State-of-the-art cardiac and stroke care

Our cardiology program is one of the state's busiest among community hospitals. In 2018, we performed 23,290 diagnostic cardiology procedures. That experience has earned us the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for our acute myocardial infarction program. Our average “door-to-balloon” time (from the arrival of a heart attack patient in our Emergency Department to undergoing an emergency angioplasty in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab) is 55.8 minutes — well below the American Heart Association’s benchmark of 90 minutes.

Our Primary Stroke Center has also received the Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® as well as the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

“Words cannot express the gratitude I have... I am forever thankful to (my ER doctor), the emergency room support staff, the doctors that performed the catheterization surgery, the paramedics and for all of the support teams for giving me another chance to live and enjoy yet another day with my family.”
A trailblazer in LGBTQ+ healthcare

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset has been nationally recognized as a “Leader in LGBTQ Healthcare Equality” by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, the educational arm of the nation’s largest LGBTQ civil rights organization. We were the first hospital in New Jersey to offer specialized primary care services for the LGBTQ+ community at our PROUD Family Health, which recorded 928 patient visits in 2018.

A leader in behavioral health

Our Behavioral Health services provide a valuable safety net for those in our community who are struggling to cope. In 2018, more than 2,500 were treated at our Crisis Center located in our Emergency Department. Our Eating Disorders Program is one of only two in the state to offer inpatient care along with outpatient services for individuals age 14 and older. Our Peer Recovery Program provided 24/7 support for 986 patients with substance abuse disorders last year.
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