



St. Joseph Medical Center

Tacoma, Washington

Expanding access to care for vulnerable populations

St. Joseph Medical Center is a 385-bed tertiary Level II Trauma medical center with a family birth center, a Level III NICU, and a midwifery center, as well as 24/7 emergency services and numerous specialty services like stroke and neurology care, cancer care, heart and vascular care, a Hospice program and Hospice House, neurosciences services, and Gamma Knife radiosurgery.

St. Joseph Medical Center is part of Virginia Mason Franciscan Health, a nonprofit health system that was created when CHI Franciscan and Virginia Mason merged in January 2021. One of the largest health systems in Washington state, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health includes 10 acute care hospitals, 284 outpatient centers, 12 urgent care clinics, Franciscan Hospice House, the Bailey-Boushay House, and the Benaroya Research Institute.

The 340B Drug Pricing Program helps expand access to care and stretch scarce health care dollars to deliver high-quality care to vulnerable patient populations, including low income, uninsured, underinsured, and homeless patients, as well as those living in rural communities. In addition, the 340B Program allows hospitals to offset uncompensated care and provide expensive medications free of cost, while focusing on safe, cost-effective care that results in improved patient outcomes.

340B savings support

- The outpatient infusion center provides comprehensive cancer care, chemotherapy, and non-oncology infusion services.
- Through Project Access, the Premium Assistance program helps cover premiums for insured individuals who cannot afford them, keeping them from becoming uninsured.
- Copay assistance is provided for patients who meet the criteria and cannot afford complete copays
- The Diabetes Assistance Program provides underinsured patients with insulin, monitoring equipment and supplies at no cost.
- Free medications are obtained for patients who have no insurance.
- Franciscan Hospice House cares for about 800 patients and performs individual comprehensive clinical medication reviews.
- We provide immunizations at shelters, food banks, and senior centers.
- Programs address opioid addiction with free naloxone to patients and families.
- Free medications, lab work, and diagnostic imaging to Neighborhood Clinic patients.
- Financial support for patients who cannot afford transportation, DME, housing, and caregiver costs.

340B in Action

Disproportionate Share Hospital

 \$8 million
340B Savings

 19%
DSH Percentage

 \$61.7 million
Uncompensated Care

 \$52,000
Community Benefit
(charity care + uncompensated care + community programs)

 385
Total Licensed Beds

 125,654
Inpatient Days

 145,959
Outpatient Visits

 43,744
Emergency Care