



# History Summary

Baptist Health began in 1921 as an extension of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention with a single hospital in downtown Little Rock. Today, Baptist Health is Arkansas' largest and most comprehensive not-for-profit healthcare system with more than 200 points of access.

Baptist Health provides the best healthcare available with state-of-the-art technology and equipment throughout our state via medical centers, family clinics, mobile health units, rural outreach programs and physician offices.

The healthcare system is the third-largest source of private sector employment in the state – behind only Walmart and Tyson Foods. More than 11,000 employees and 1,500 physicians with active and consulting privileges are dedicated to enriching and prolonging human life by delivering patient-centered care with Christian compassion and personal concern. Baptist Health has been the first in the state in many areas including the first to perform open-heart surgery and the first to perform a heart transplant.

Baptist Health's points of access include:

- **Baptist Health-Little Rock**, the system's flagship 827-bed tertiary care facility
- **Baptist Health-Fort Smith**, a 492-bed acute care facility
- **Baptist Health-North Little Rock**, a 225-bed acute care facility
- **Baptist Health Rehabilitation Institute**, the state's largest and oldest physical medicine and rehabilitation hospital, a 120-bed facility adjacent to Baptist Health-Little Rock
- **Baptist Health-Conway**, a 111-bed acute care hospital
- **Baptist Health-Van Buren**, a 103-bed acute care facility
- **Baptist Health-Hot Spring County**, a 72-bed acute care hospital in Malvern
- **Baptist Health Extended Care Hospital**, a 55-bed long-term acute care hospital located on the 10th floor of Baptist Health-Little Rock
- **Baptist Health-Stuttgart**, a 49-bed acute care hospital
- **Baptist Health-Arkadelphia**, a 25-bed critical access care hospital
- **Baptist Health-Heber Springs**, a 25-bed critical access care hospital

Baptist Health owns and operates **Parkway Village**, an independent living retirement community; **Parkway Heights**, an intermediate nursing facility; **Parkway Health Center**, a skilled nursing care facility; and the **Ginny and Bob Shell Alzheimer's Center**, a 32-bed facility on the campus of Parkway Village that is the state's first freestanding center dedicated solely to Alzheimer's patients.

Since 1921, Baptist Health's schools have served the needs of residents throughout Arkansas and the region by providing quality, clinical-focused healthcare education in the areas of nursing with allied health offerings being added throughout the years. In July 2015, the schools became an official degree-conferring college and renamed **Baptist Health College Little Rock**. The college offers nine different programs of study and has the largest registered nursing and practical nursing programs in Arkansas.

In addition, Baptist Health owns and operates **approximately 100 primary care and specialty care clinics** in Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma. The organization also operates home healthcare services, an air ambulance, a health management center, a free physician referral and health information service, a stroke program, a breast center, an eye center, sleep disorder centers, a heart center, an alcohol and drug abuse treatment program, a hospice program, after-hours pediatric care, a pain management program, a diabetes management program, a home infusion program and 21 outpatient therapy centers throughout Arkansas.

Baptist Health exists to provide quality, patient-centered services, promote and protect the voluntary not-for-profit healthcare system, provide quality health education and respond to the changing health needs of the residents of Arkansas with Christian compassion and personal concern, consistent with our charitable purpose.

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