

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

1923 - 2023



During the Adams County election on May 4, 1920, voters were posed with the question of constructing a county hospital. On Election Day, 264 voters cast ballots in support of better health in Adams County. Their votes approved the construction of the county's first hospital, which opened on July 30, 1923.

Over the last century, Adams Memorial Hospital has remained independent, dedicated only to our community and the needs of our patients. Adams Memorial Hospital provides patients with expert care through our dedicated and trained staff members.



ADAMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL THROUGH THE DECADES



1920's:

Under the supervision of Superintendent Miss Emilie Christ, Adams Memorial Hospital was built out of the desire to help those who served in World War I. The hospital's first baby, Marlyce Braun, was born on Aug. 27, 1923. Marlyce went on to pursue a career as a nurse.

1940's:

Total number of babies born in 1941: 255

1950's:

Payroll total in 1952: \$9,474.45



1970's:

In 1978, Adams County Emergency Medical Services became integrated with Adams Memorial Hospital.

1990's:

Following the March 1991 board meeting, Adams Memorial Hospital remodeled the labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum department.

2011 - 2019:

Adams Memorial Hospital was named as one of the top 100 critical care access hospitals in the United States, according to the National Rural Health Association.



1930's:

Snapshot of costs from a December 1933 handwritten bill to an Adams Memorial Hospital patient:

Room for 1 week	\$25.00
Operating room use	\$12.50
Special Nurse's Aide for 3 days	\$3.00
Room for 4 additional days	\$14.40
Medicines	\$0.75

1960's:

In 1964, a motion was passed to raise the salaries of the hospital's registered nurses to equal or surpass other area hospitals in an effort to retain and attract more talent.



1980's:

In February 1988, a meeting was called to consider the acquisition and financing of a long-term healthcare facility. Following board approval, Adams Woodcrest opened and started with three residents in 1989.

2000 - 2010:

- The Village of Heritage Nursing Home opened in 2000
- The MRI trailer became operational in August 2000 under Executive Director Marvin Baird.
- The current CEO, Dr. Scott Smith, M.D., MBA, and Dr. Nick Lazoff, M.D., became full-time physicians in the emergency room.

2020 - 2023:

- The COVID-19 pandemic impacted how care was given and changed many policies and procedures.
- The network broke ground in 2023 for a new Geneva medical office building, which will include a physician's office, lab and rehabilitation clinic.
- The Bennett building, located, in Decatur, will be remodeled to include a retail pharmacy, behavioral health services and StatCare by the end of 2023.

Learn more about the Adams Health Network Foundation

Adams Health Network Foundation was established in 1978 to receive and administer funds for scientific, educational, and charitable purposes. The foundation's mission is to inspire giving hearts for healthcare through several events including the Annual Golf Outing and the Diamonds and Denim Gala, which support local education and healthcare.

The foundation manages many projects that benefit the following areas:

- Pediatric services
- Healthcare scholarships
- Medical device improvements



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