The History of Parkview Health: A Legacy of Caring For our Community

Nine hospitals in northeast Indiana are beacons of hope that draw people with medical needs to Parkview Health. We trace our roots as a community-owned, not-for-profit healthcare provider back to 1878, when Fort Wayne City Hospital opened at 305 West Main Street in downtown Fort Wayne.

Through the years, we’ve focused on innovation to stay ahead of new technologies and develop new ways of providing care. Now, with a brand new mission and vision to improve health and inspire well-being among the people we serve, we’re tailoring personalized health journeys to match the unique goals of each person we serve. World-class teamwork between our facilities and across the continuum of care involves the patient as the core focus of every decision we make. With this mission in mind, we can provide the excellence, innovation and value healthcare consumers seek in terms of convenience, compassion, service, cost and quality.

Hospitals within the Parkview Health system include:

- Parkview Regional Medical Center and Affiliates, including Parkview Hospital Randallia and Parkview Behavioral Health
- Parkview Huntington Hospital
- Parkview LaGrange Hospital
- Parkview Noble Hospital
- Parkview Wabash Hospital
- Parkview Whitley Hospital
- Parkview Ortho Hospital

Fort Wayne City Hospital opened October 31, 1878 in the William S. Edsall residence at 305 West Main Street. (Six patients are admitted under the watchful eye of two untrained care givers. Expansion occurred soon after. Fort Wayne City Hospital:)

![Fort Wayne City Hospital](image-url)
Hope Hospital:

In 1897 a two-year nursing school opened. In December, 1900, the hospital formally adopts the name “Hope Hospital.” The first class of seven students graduated from the nursing school in 1900.
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A local hospital Board of Directors, including A.G. Burry as treasurer, is established in 1922. The facility’s name is changed to Fort Wayne Methodist Hospital, and the Ways Sanitarium building is purchased from Dr. Macbeth for $125,000 before the end of 1922. Two buildings are purchased as nurses’ residences. Dr. M. F. Steele is hired as the hospital’s first superintendent. October of 1929. The United States “Black Tuesday” stock market crash ushers in the beginning of the Great Depression. To cut losses, the Methodist Hospital Association offers to sell the hospital to the Fort Wayne Methodist Hospital Board of Directors for $100,000.

In 1939, many smaller contributions of $50 and $100 make possible the $18,000 purchase of 18 wooded acres at the corner of State St. and Randallia Dr. Ground is broken for Parkview Memorial Hospital at State and Randallia on August 12, 1951. The 242-bed hospital opens as Parkview Memorial Hospital November 21, 1953. This is now where our Randallia campus still treats our community!

Parkview Regional Medical Center

Opened March, 2012, Parkview Regional Medical Center is the flagship hospital for Parkview Health. More than a hospital, Parkview Regional Medical Center is an entire campus for health and well-being. The nine-story main building features several specialty centers including the Parkview Heart Institute, Parkview Women’s and Children’s Hospital, Parkview Comprehensive Cancer Center and more. Technology is a key component of the state-of-the-art medical center, improving safety for patients and efficiency for staff.
Parkview Regional Medical Center is a destination of healing, with low noise and light levels; calming influences of stone, water, natural light and other elements of nature; and outdoor spaces for dining and socializing.

Parkview Hospital Randallia

Parkview Hospital Randallia traces its roots back to Fort Wayne City Hospital founded in 1878. Subsequent hospitals in our history have included Hope Hospital (1891-1922), Methodist Hospital (1922-1953), Parkview Memorial Hospital (1953-1995), and Parkview Hospital (1955-), now Parkview Hospital Randallia. Parkview Hospital Randallia is the center of healthcare activity and excellence near downtown Fort Wayne, continuing to add more health and well-being services while keeping the neighborhood’s needs in mind. Major services include: Emergency Department, Family Birthing Center, Critical Care eICU, Surgical Care Center, Continuing Care Center, Inpatient and Outpatient Rehabilitation, Parkview Center for Wound Healing, Parkview Center on Aging and Health, Senior Wellness Center, Sleep Clinic, Breast Diagnostic Center, Parkview Behavioral Health and Community Nursing programs.
For more than 50 years, Parkview Behavioral Health has provided expert mental well-being services to youth ages 5 – 18, as well as mental well-being and addiction services to adults and older adults, in northeast Indiana.

Care provided at PBH includes treating the whole person – mind, body and spirit. PBH’s expert team of certified psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, therapeutic recreational therapists, nurse navigators and case managers walk hand-in-hand with patients on their journey toward healing, working with patients to identify innovative treatment options that best suit them.

PBH also works with, and through, many community organizations. These partnerships offer northeast Indiana communities a comprehensive continuum of care.

Specific programs include:

- Inpatient youth services
- Inpatient adult services
- Parkview DiscoveryWay
- Parkview RecoveryWay
- Parkview LifeBridge Senior Program
- Partial Hospitalization Program
- Parkview BridgeWays
- Faith-based Healing Program
- ADD Drumming for Joy
- Parent 2 Parent: Family Training on ADHD
- Success with ADHD: A Skills Class for Adults
- Mental Health First Aid
- Let Go of Stress
Parkview Ortho Hospital, a 37-bed specialty hospital devoted to orthopedics, is a joint venture between Parkview Health and Ortho NorthEast. The 79,000 square-foot facility is on the Parkview Regional Medical Center campus.

Parkview Ortho Hospital is the first specialty hospital in northeastern Indiana devoted solely to orthopedic surgery and post-surgery patient care. Our state-of-the-art facilities include an inpatient unit, an inpatient rehabilitation gym, and Ortho NorthEast medical offices. With our joint venture partner Ortho NorthEast, we provide breakthrough technologies, as well as advanced orthopedic surgeries and treatments for:

- Arthritis
- Neck and spine surgery
- Sports injuries
- Total and partial joint replacement surgery
- Hand and foot surgery
- Fractures and sprains
- Pain management
- Work-related injuries

The facility features eight surgery suites and one procedure room operational for telemedicine, allowing two-way communication between the surgery team and others at a remote location.

The Club Ortho Program offers comprehensive rehabilitation classes for joint replacement and spinal fusion patients and encourages family and/or significant others' participation.
From the moment patients and guests enter the airy central mall and comfortable waiting spaces of Parkview Huntington Hospital, this 36-bed community hospital welcomes them to a superior care experience with a personal focus.

Having provided care for the community since 1917, the hospital has occupied its current home on a park-like campus since 2000. The facility houses a busy paramedic EMS service for the county, newly renovated Emergency Department, well-equipped Surgery Department, Family Birthing Center with six spacious labor/delivery/postpartum rooms and birth planner service, on-site ATU clinic, lab services, inpatient and acute-care services and more. With a clinical-level fitness center open to the public, specialized pediatric rehab services and upgraded diagnostic imaging technology, the hospital is also a bustling center for outpatient services. A two-story medical office building encompassing physician offices and a specialty physician’s clinic adjoins the hospital.

Parkview Huntington Hospital is a steadfast partner with Huntington County residents on their personal wellness journeys. The hospital hosts a large health fair semi-annually – offering free screenings, health and lifestyle information, and reduced-cost lab testing – and sponsors other well-being related events throughout the year.

- The eICU® program, a hallmark of critical care at all Parkview hospitals, brings a higher level of care to critically ill patients, making it possible for them to be cared for close to home and loved ones. Each private eICU® room is equipped with special monitoring systems and cameras that transmit patient data to the local nursing station and to a board-certified intensivist, or critical care specialist.
Parkview LaGrange Hospital

The 25-bed Parkview LaGrange Hospital and an attached medical office plaza are located on a 13-acre campus with a beautiful half-mile paved walking track. The current facility opened in 2008.

Parkview LaGrange Hospital offers emergency care, surgical suites, a family birthing center and many other services focused on an individual person’s journey of care.

- LifeBridge Senior Program is an outpatient behavioral health program for seniors who are experiencing depression, unresolved grief, anxiety, isolation, sleep or appetite changes and many other challenges faced by seniors. A multi-disciplinary team provides confidential, outpatient treatment to individuals and in group sessions designed to help develop the tools and coping strategies needed to begin to enjoy life again.

- HeartSmart CT Scan is a simple, non-invasive scan that can detect coronary artery disease in its early stages.

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- The Parkview LaGrange Hospital sleep center can help people find restful, restorative sleep essential for health and well-being.

Parkview LaGrange Hospital also offers: ambulatory services; rehabilitation services; diagnostic imaging; occupational health services; and specialty clinics in cardiology,
colon and rectal surgery, general surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, oncology, orthopedics, podiatry, wound care and urology.

**Parkview Noble Hospital**

Parkview Noble Hospital is much more than just the community hospital serving Noble County. It is a complete health campus that includes physician offices, a ¾-mile paved Health Walk, meditation garden, Center for Healthy Living and EMS headquarters – all in an effort to support area residents on their health journey.

Built in 2004, Parkview Noble features 31 private patient rooms, state of the art critical care and a family birthing center to welcome our newest little residents. Surgical services, diagnostic imaging, physician specialty clinics and 24-hour emergency care make Parkview Noble a full-service hospital. In the years since the opening, Parkview Noble has added an Endoscopy Center with dedicated procedure rooms; a Center for Healthy Living offering fitness programs and wellness education; expanded space for rehabilitation services for physical, occupational, speech and pediatric therapy and contains the only pediatric gym in the region as well as the latest technology in the Center for Wound Healing, that includes two hyperbaric chambers.

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Originally established in 1951, Parkview Whitley Hospital moved to its current facility in 2011 in Columbia City. As Whitley County’s sole hospital, Parkview Whitley Hospital offers its community a full-service emergency department, 30 inpatient beds (including 5 birthing suites) and a wide variety of outpatient services. Parkview Whitley’s attached Medical Plaza houses several family practice and specialty physicians for added convenience. The county is serviced by Parkview Whitley EMS which is housed at three separate locations: Columbia City, Churubusco & South Whitley.

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Joining the Parkview family in 2015, Parkview Wabash Hospital is a 25-bed critical access hospital. Founded in 1919, the hospital offers the community a wide array of services including inpatient care, cancer treatment, laboratory, imaging and surgical services, a swing bed program, home health and hospice care, 24-hour emergency services and physical therapy, to name a few.

Parkview Wabash Hospital is committed to providing excellent patient care and improving the health and well-being of the community.