

**Hedrick Medical Center has provided residents of Chillicothe and the surrounding areas with the finest patient care since 1888.**

**T**hank the Sisters of St. Mary for setting a high standard. Since September 1888, when they treated their first patient, Hedrick Medical Center has had one goal: to provide the finest patient care available. Although the Sisters have long since passed and the years have welcomed various medical advances, Hedrick Medical Center remains a community anchor. Today, it continues its mission—in its original location—as part of Saint Luke’s Health System, the region’s leading health care provider. From building renovations and equipment upgrades to name changes and new faces, here’s a look at how Hedrick Medical Center has progressed over the years:



**1993** Hedrick Medical Center Auxiliary donates a new incubator that monitors a baby’s temperature for the first four to six hours of life. The Auxiliary is made up of community volunteers who raised the \$8,745 to pay for the incubator.

**1993** Hedrick Medical Center gets a new ambulance for transporting premature and critically ill babies.

**1994** Hedrick Medical Center opens its new \$1.1 million Intensive Care Unit (ICU), featuring 5,000 square feet for a central nursing station and six new patient rooms. The rooms provide better patient access, privacy, and visibility than rooms in the old ICU, which was built in 1972.

**1996** Hedrick Medical Center forms a partnership with Grand River Health System. Through this partnership, Grand River will manage Hedrick.

**1996** Construction begins in the south wing on a new \$575,000 obstetrics department, which is called the New Life Center.

**1999** Hedrick Medical Center staff and Chillicothe Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new cardiopulmonary rehabilitation center.

**2000** The new mammography department makes its debuts. It celebrates by giving Hedrick Medical Center’s female employees free mammograms during grand-opening week. Hedrick had been without mammography services since 1997.

# 120 Years of Community Care

**1888** The Sisters of St. Mary, a Roman Catholic order that founded hospitals throughout the Midwest, begin treating patients. They work out of a temporary hospital while a new building is built.

**1889** Hedrick Medical Center (formerly named Chillicothe Hospital) opens its doors in a new simple frame building at 100 Central Street. During the next 17 years, the Sisters of St. Mary will expand the hospital twice and add new equipment.

**1916** Drs. H.M. Grace and A.J. Simpson buy Chillicothe Hospital from the Sisters of St. Mary.

**1936** Drs. Grace and Simpson donate the hospital and its grounds to the city of Chillicothe.

**1937** The city builds a new three-story brick hospital adjacent to the original frame structure.

**1954** The hospital adds two new wings.

**1972** The city acquires additional property to the north and builds a new 80-bed hospital adjacent to the older building. It’s named Hedrick Medical Center after Ira and Minnie Hedrick, founders of the Hedrick Foundation, which funded the new multimillion-dollar facility. The old three-story brick facility is renovated and renamed Hedrick Office Building to provide physician office space.

**1990** Hedrick Medical Center adds a canopy to its entrance, providing those entering its front doors cover from the elements.

**2001** Hedrick Medical Center’s Outpatient Surgery and G.I. Lab adds a Videoscope System, featuring an endoscope with a small video camera attached, a television monitor, and computer keyboard. This allows doctors to see inside the esophagus, stomach, or colon. The system is one of only five in Missouri.

**2003** Saint Luke’s Health System takes over management of Hedrick Medical Center from Grand River Health System. This partnership welcomes Hedrick into Saint Luke’s system of hospitals, giving Hedrick doctors access to Saint Luke’s array of services and specialists and Chillicothe-area patients access to high-quality care.

**2005** Hedrick Medical Center is named a “100 Top Hospital—Performance Improvement Leader” by Solucient, a national health care ratings firm.

**2007** Hedrick Medical Center and other Saint Luke’s Health System hospitals win the Missouri Quality Award.

**2008** Hedrick Medical Center goes all digital, directly linking to Saint Luke’s. It also adds new technology, including the state’s first SPECT/CT scanner.

**2008** Hedrick Medical Center ranks among the top 500 most successful Medicare-certified home health providers in nation. ✦

