

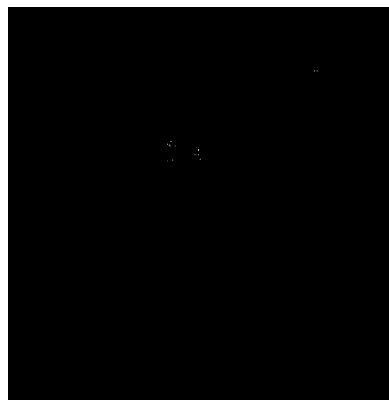
## Medical Facilities

More than 2,000 physicians and 10 major medical facilities in the Charleston region offer convenient access to a comprehensive range of health services within the immediate area.

Three nationally recognized hospital systems serve the region, as well as numerous medical centers considered among the best in the United States. In all, more than 24,000 people are employed by the local health care industry.

The community is home to the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), the first medical school to be established in the southern United States. In addition to educating physicians and other health care professionals, MUSC provides highly specialized medical services and is nationally acknowledged to be on the leading edge of many advanced medical technologies and treatments. Specific areas of expertise include:

- **Pediatrics.** The MUSC Children's Hospital has been recognized as one of the top ten children's hospitals in the United States, and offers the widest range of pediatric subspecialists in South Carolina.
- **Trauma Care.** MUSC is the only designated Level 1 Trauma Center in coastal South Carolina. Level 1 is the highest level attainable from the American College of Surgeons. MUSC's MEDUCARE emergency medical transport service is available 24 hours a day to transfer patients by helicopter, fixed-wing airplane or ground ambulance services.
- **Cardiac Care.** MUSC's Heart and Vascular Center offers the most complete line of cardiac and vascular services in the state.
- **Cancer Care.** The MUSC Hollings Cancer Center is dedicated to research, education and patient care, and offers programs that bring together health professionals from numerous specialties to treat many types of cancer.
- **Psychiatry.** The MUSC Institute of Psychiatry is one of the top 10 psychiatric research centers in the country for research funding, making new discoveries in treating depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, drug and alcohol addiction, and other disorders.
- **Organ Transplants.** The MUSC Transplant Center is the only center in South Carolina to perform a full range of transplants including heart, kidney, pancreas, liver, cornea, small bowel and bone marrow. The United Network for Organ Sharing ranks the Transplant Center as one of the 17 busiest centers in the nation.
- **Digestive Disease.** *U.S. News and World Report* magazine ranks MUSC among the top hospitals in the country in the area of digestive disease. The hospital's Digestive Disease Center includes nationally and internationally recognized gastroenterologists, hepatologists, surgeons, radiologists, oncologists and other health care professionals who work together to provide expert care for all digestive disorders.



### Major Facilities

Roper St. Francis Healthcare  
2 area hospital facilities  
633 beds; 2,900 employees  
[www.ropersaintfrancis.com](http://www.ropersaintfrancis.com)

East Cooper Medical Center  
100 beds; 600 employees  
[www.eastcoopermedctr.com](http://www.eastcoopermedctr.com)

Medical University of  
South Carolina (MUSC)  
596 beds; 10,000 employees  
[www.musc.edu](http://www.musc.edu)

Ralph H. Johnson V.A.  
Medical Center  
145 beds; 1,100 employees  
[www.med.va.gov](http://www.med.va.gov)

Trident Health System  
2 area hospital facilities  
390 beds; 2,000 employees  
[www.tridenthealthsystem.com](http://www.tridenthealthsystem.com)

U.S. Naval Hospital  
540 employees

### Data Source

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