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## University Hospital timeline

**1823:** Commercial Hospital and Lunatic Asylum founded at the Medical College of Ohio, the first teaching hospital in the country.

**1861:** Lunatic Asylum dropped from the name.

**1869:** Cincinnati General Hospital replaces Commercial Hospital.

**1960:** University of Cincinnati given executive control.

**1960-71:** Researchers at the hospital conduct full-body radiation experiments on cancer patients.

**1982:** Cincinnati General Hospital renamed University of Cincinnati Hospital.

**1984:** Air Care starts operations.

**1994:** Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati is formed to negotiate better contracts with managed-care companies and reverse financial losses at several of the hospitals. University of Cincinnati Hospital is converted to private ownership under the new system and renamed University Hospital. The alliance eventually includes University, Christ, Jewish, Fort Hamilton and St. Luke hospitals and the Drake Center.

**1999:** A federal judge approves a \$3.6 million settlement with the families of patients who received radiation experiments.

**1999:** Neuroscience Institute starts at University Hospital.

**2003:** The Health Alliance reaches a legal settlement with the University of Cincinnati and the city of Cincinnati requiring the alliance to operate University Hospital to support indigent care for those in the city who could not afford to pay.

**2006:** Hamilton County voters renew a five-year indigent-care levy that provides \$26 million a year to University Hospital, the only adult hospital to receive levy funds.

**2008:** Christ and St. Luke hospitals withdraw from the Health Alliance, saying they were getting less attention - and investment - than University Hospital and the under-construction West Chester Medical Center. Christ Hospital was the group's most profitable hospital.

**2009:** The Health Alliance opens West Chester off Tylersville Road near Interstate 75. Jewish

Hospital leaders say their contributions to the group are going more to start-up costs in West Chester and less to fund University Hospital's safety-net mission.

**2009:** Jewish and Fort Hamilton hospitals announce they will withdraw from the Health Alliance. University Hospital leaders say that without Jewish Hospital, they will be unable to invest in the hospital building and unable to afford the safety-net and medical education missions.