You’re passionate about improving lives. So are we.

At The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, our work revolves around a powerful mission: to improve health in Ohio and across the world through innovations in research, education, patient care and community engagement.

When you join us, you join in that mission. Being part of Ohio State means pushing the boundaries of discovery and knowledge while challenging yourself to do better. It means rising to the world’s most pressing health challenges — with a team of thousands by your side.

In this book, you’ll learn what drives us and see how our wide-ranging expertise and extensive resources empower us to tackle these challenges in a way few others can match.

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

As one of the largest and most diverse academic health centers in the country, we’ve always been on the leading edge of education, discovery and patient care — and now we’re going even further.

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, part of one of the most comprehensive health sciences campuses in the country and the only academic health center in central Ohio, is at the forefront of medicine. Here, discovery and innovation in our research laboratories translate to unique and effective therapies — available to patients well before they reach other hospitals.

These initiatives take place across our vast health care platform: within The Ohio State University College of Medicine, at more than a dozen affiliated research centers and inside seven hospitals, where more than 58,000 inpatients receive medical care annually.

In addition, we have a unified physician practice, representing more than 1,200 preeminent physicians, and a network of community-based primary and subspecialty care facilities that manage more than a million patient visits each year. The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center offers health care services in virtually every specialty and subspecialty in medicine. Thousands of patients come to us each month for treatments and services they can’t find anywhere else.

Our ambition

To be a top 20 academic health center driving breakthrough health care solutions that transform people’s lives and the communities in which we live.
The OSUCCC – James

The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James) strives to create a cancer-free world by integrating research with excellence in education and patient-centered care. Ohio State is one of 53 National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers and one of only a few centers funded by the NCI to conduct phase I and II clinical trials on novel anticancer drugs provided by the NCI.

As the cancer program’s 356-bed adult patient-care component, The James is the third-largest cancer hospital in the country and one of the best in the nation as ranked by U.S. News & World Report. With 21 floors and more than 1.1 million square feet, The James fosters collaboration and integration of cancer research and clinical cancer care.

To increase critically needed cancer research funding at the OSUCCC – James, Pelotonia was established in 2008 and has become the No. 2 cycling fundraiser in the country, surpassing the $250 million mark overall in 2022. Thanks to the event’s major funding partners, every dollar raised by participants goes toward innovative cancer research and initiatives such as the Pelotonia Institute for Immuno-Oncology at the OSUCCC – James.
The Ohio State University

The Ohio State University, located in the capital city of Columbus, is a major educational and economic force. Founded in 1870, we’re one of the nation’s finest comprehensive public research universities — a distinguished land-grant institution that’s deeply committed to making a college education accessible and affordable for the next generation of leaders and engaged citizens.

We’re one of the country’s largest universities, and our experts span nearly every imaginable discipline. Our size is our advantage: We have an unrivaled capacity to bring together people, ideas and resources to tackle the world’s most complex issues.

With more than 49,000 full-time equivalent employees, we’re also one of Ohio’s largest employers, and our vast global community of 580,000 living alumni means our impact is felt all around the world.

By the numbers

67K+ undergraduate, graduate and professional students
49K+ full-time equivalent employees
580K+ living alumni around the world
18 colleges and schools
250+ majors

The Ohio State University College of Medicine

The Ohio State University College of Medicine, founded in 1914, is known for curricular innovation, groundbreaking research and transformative models of comprehensive care. Located in Columbus, it’s one of the most diverse medical schools in the nation. With more than 2,400 faculty members, the college comprises 20 clinical departments, seven basic science departments and the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. As part of one of the nation’s most comprehensive universities, inclusive of seven health science colleges, the College of Medicine unites a wide breadth of expertise, innovation and resources.

By the numbers

#30 Best Medical School – Research
#32 Best Medical School – Primary Care
#14 Most Diverse Medical School

4.5K+ learners
$301M in total funding
2K+ research studies

$3B planned in capital improvements
Leadership

Kristina M. Johnson, PhD
President, The Ohio State University

Dr. Johnson is the 16th president in university history. With more than 30 years of experience as an esteemed academic, business and policy leader, Dr. Johnson is guiding The Ohio State University’s vision for becoming the definitive model of the 21st century land-grant university.

Previously, Dr. Johnson served as chancellor of the State University of New York (SUNY) from 2017 to 2020. Prior to that, she founded and served as CEO of several successful science and technology companies, served as undersecretary of energy at the U.S. Department of Energy and held academic leadership positions at institutions such as Johns Hopkins University, Duke University and the University of Colorado at Boulder.

She’s published nearly 150 refereed papers and proceedings, and holds more than 100 U.S. and international patents. Among with the John Fritz Medal, her awards include the Dennis Gabor Prize for creativity and innovation in modern optics (1993), the Society of Women Engineers Lifetime Achievement Award (2004) and the Woman of Vision Award for Leadership by the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology (2010).

Dr. Johnson earned her bachelor’s, master’s and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in electrical engineering at Stanford University, where she was a varsity athlete in field hockey and founded the club varsity lacrosse team. She was named among the “40 Years of Title IX: 40 Women Who Have Made an Impact” by the Women’s Sports Foundation, ESPNW and Women in Cable Telecommunications. In addition, she’s been awarded five honorary degrees.

Jay Anderson
Chief Operating Officer, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

A native of Columbus, Jay is responsible for leading the execution of the vision, strategy and overall performance for all clinical enterprise operations, including all seven hospitals and the ambulatory services division. He also guides appropriate resource utilization and service line efficiencies and oversees the delivery of consistent patient experiences and the highest quality care and outcomes, with a focus on affordability and accessibility.

Jay most recently served as the president of Kishwaukee & Valley West Hospitals. During his 20 years at Northwestern Medicine, he advanced to serve in increasingly senior executive operating roles across the clinical enterprise, overseeing areas including quality, analytics, performance and information technology. He also served as a naval officer on the USS Mississippi from 1994-1997.

He earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Chicago.

Andrew Thomas, MD, MBA, FACP
Wolfe Foundation Chief Clinical Officer, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Senior Associate Vice President for Health Sciences

As chief clinical officer for the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center, Dr. Thomas oversees inpatient, outpatient and emergency department services at our hospitals, outpatient clinics and specialized care facilities.

Previously, Dr. Thomas served as medical director of University Hospital from 2010-2013, assistant medical director for University Hospital from 1999-2010 and assistant dean for Graduate Medical Education from 2001-2010. He’s been involved in university projects, including the implementation of electronic health records, root cause analysis for safety events, patient satisfaction, clinical efficiency, simulation training, professionalism and physician health.

Dr. Thomas earned a bachelor’s degree in history and science from Harvard University and his medical degree at Ohio State. Though he serves in administrative roles, he continues to see patients to ensure that the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center is well positioned to deliver the best possible care.

Jay Anderson and Andrew Thomas, MD, MBA, FACP, currently serve as interim co-leaders to guide our organization as we search for our next CEO.

Jay Anderson
Andrew Thomas, MD, MBA, FACP
David Cohn, MD, MBA, FACHE
Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Medical Officer
James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

As interim CEO and chief medical officer of The James, Dr. Cohn oversees the nationally recognized inpatient and outpatient cancer care provided at Ohio State and leads the hospital’s medical staff. He also is a professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at Ohio State and maintains a clinical practice that includes medical and surgical treatment of gynecologic cancers.

Dr. Cohn also has served as president of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology. He earned his MD from Georgetown University and his MBA from the Fisher College of Business at Ohio State.

Carol R. Bradford, MD, MS, FACS
Dean, The Ohio State University College of Medicine
Vice President for Health Sciences, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

Dr. Bradford is an internationally recognized head and neck cancer researcher, surgeon and leader in academic medicine. She became the dean of The Ohio State University College of Medicine and vice president for Health Sciences at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in 2020. She’s also the Leslie H. and Abigail S. Wexner Dean’s Chair in Medicine and a professor of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.

Dr. Bradford earned her master’s degree in microbiology/immunology and her medical degree (cum laude) at the University of Michigan. She completed a general surgery internship at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital and research fellowship and otolaryngology – head and neck surgery residency at the University of Michigan before joining its faculty in 1992.

Raphael Pollock, MD, PhD, FACS
Director, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center

As director of Ohio State’s Comprehensive Cancer Center, Dr. Pollock oversees the collective work of more than 360 funded comprehensive cancer center researchers within five interrelated programs. He is a professor of Surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology at Ohio State, director of the Sarcoma Research Laboratory and a surgical oncologist who specializes in soft tissue sarcoma. His research focuses on the molecular drivers underlying sarcoma.

Dr. Pollock has received National Institutes of Health research funding since 1984 and has served as principal investigator for several large grants. He has authored more than 400 research and review articles along with 21 books. He has held clinical leadership positions at both MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston and at Ohio State.

Dr. Pollock earned his MD at St. Louis University School of Medicine and his PhD in immunology at The University of Texas Graduate School of Biological Sciences.

Dr. Cohn was elected as the first woman president of the American Head and Neck Society in 2012, and received that organization’s Distinguished Service Award in 2015. That same year, she was inducted into the prestigious National Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Pollock earned his MD at St. Louis University School of Medicine and his PhD in immunology at The University of Texas Graduate School of Biological Sciences.
The Buckeye Spirit

What is the Buckeye Spirit?

It’s how we honor the tradition of Ohio State — by bringing passion, commitment and joy to the people we serve. In everything we do at the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center, we embody the Buckeye Spirit through our shared values of empathy, determination, inclusiveness, innovation, ownership and sincerity.

Empathy

We believe in...
- Caring deeply and acknowledging the feelings and experiences of self and others
- Prioritizing the needs of others
- Valuing and serving each other and our community

Determination

We believe in...
- Reaching our highest potential despite obstacles
- Attracting and retaining high-performing people who want to change the world
- Fearless pursuit of one’s potential to make a meaningful contribution through our work

Inclusiveness

We believe in...
- Working together with common purpose
- Embracing the power of connection through multidisciplinary collaboration
- Valuing the diversity of people and different points of view with respect and fairness

Innovation

We believe in...
- Creating original ideas/new concepts and putting them into practice
- Being curious about new perspectives and ideas
- Continual growth and change

Ownership

We believe in...
- Taking care of our medical center, even when no one is watching
- Protecting and enhancing our reputation and legacy at all times
- Being good stewards of our resources

Sincerity

We believe in...
- Adhering to high ethical standards
- Speaking and acting truthfully
- Being responsible to always uphold the integrity of the organization
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

We find strength in the diversity of our faculty and staff, and we celebrate our differences — because we recognize and appreciate that our work is enriched by them.

Chyke Doubeni, MD, MPH
Chief Health Equity Officer
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
Associate Director for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center

Dr. Doubeni is tasked with leading Ohio State’s continued efforts to address the underlying drivers of disparities in health care that adversely impact marginalized groups and foster more equitable care and health outcomes. With our land-grant focus on research, education and patient care that improves the lives of those in our community and our state, Dr. Doubeni leads the vision and strategic direction of the medical center’s health equity and healthy community initiatives in collaboration with leaders, faculty, staff and learners.

Leon McDougle, MD, MPH
Chief Diversity Officer
Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion
Director, MEDPATH Program
Professor of Family and Community Medicine

Dr. McDougle is a professor with tenure and the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center’s chief diversity officer. His research is focused on diversity and inclusion and eliminating health disparities, and he directs several workforce diversity programs, including our MEDPATH Program, which is designed to increase medical school graduation numbers among students underrepresented in medicine and those from economically and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds.

DEI initiative highlights

Faculty Advancement, Mentoring and Engagement (FAME): We develop faculty to be expert educators, leaders, supernumerary clinicians and eminent scholars, and we provide unique opportunities for women and minority faculty who are underrepresented in academic medicine and in leadership.

Employee resource groups: We encourage voluntary, employee-led groups that foster a diverse, inclusive workplace aligned with our mission, values and goals.

Women in medicine: Representation matters at the Ohio State College of Medicine. For most of the past decade, more than half of our incoming classes have been women.

MEDPATH Postbaccalaureate Program: Works to identify and increase the number of students from disadvantaged backgrounds who indicate a desire to practice medicine in underserved communities.

Underrepresented in Medicine Visiting Student Program: Provides fourth-year minority medical students a one-month rotation in one of our exceptional residency programs with the goal of them applying to Ohio State.

ASPIRE Medical Research Program: Provides early research experience for undergraduate students from underrepresented and disadvantaged groups who want to pursue medicine and research.

Anti-racism initiatives: We denounce racism of all forms at the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center. It’s a social determinant of health that’s damaging to our community, patients, faculty, staff and trainees. Acknowledging this is the first step in structural and systemic change toward equity in health and well-being. Our Anti-Racism Action Plan, adopted in 2020, aims to elevate the cause and engage, equip and empower our faculty, staff, students and communities.

Affirming LGBTQ+ health care: LGBTQ+ health care is a top priority for both our faculty and staff and our patients. Both the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center and the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute scored 100% on the Human Rights Campaign’s 2022 Health Equality Index.

By the numbers

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4 consecutive years named an HRC Healthcare Equality Index Leader

#14 most diverse medical school, U.S. News & World Report

1st university to have four INSIGHT Into Diversity HEED award recipients

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Don’t take it from us. Ask the patients, employees and experts who consistently rank us among the best in the country.

Just a few of our accolades:

In 2022, we celebrated our 30th consecutive year on the *U.S. News & World Report* “Best Hospitals” list. *U.S. News* consistently ranks us the top hospital in Columbus.

This year, the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center has nine nationally ranked specialties out of 15 and three selected as high performing. Rankings are based on outcomes, structure, patient experience and expert opinion.

*Forbes* selected the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center for its 2022 list of America’s Best Large Employers.

We were the first hospital in central Ohio to achieve Magnet® status for nursing excellence.

We’re one of the *Becker’s Hospital Review* 100 Great Hospitals in America for excellence in clinical care, patient outcomes and staff and physician satisfaction.

We’re one of a select few in the United States to receive five stars on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ Hospital Compare website.

In the news

The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center is a trusted source of medical information not only in Ohio but across the country. From research to innovation to first-of-their-kind treatments, our accomplishments and expertise make headlines around the world.

Through our medical center blog and social media accounts, our experts tackle the health questions that people around the world are asking.

By the numbers

- **25,849** media placements
- **55.3B** estimated views
Building the Future

Across the university, we’re paving our bold, innovative path forward by building the campus of the future to support teaching, learning, research and patient care. This extraordinary undertaking includes the expansion of our premier academic health center.

Inpatient hospital

Our new inpatient hospital, scheduled to open in 2026, is the largest single facilities project ever undertaken at Ohio State. It’s designed to enhance a unified Ohio State Wexner Medical Center campus providing leading-edge research, outstanding clinical training and world-class patient care. It will provide access to nationally renowned experts who utilize the latest technology, treatments and tools in a state-of-the-art environment to achieve the best outcomes for our patients — all under one roof.

Details include:

- Up to 820 large private rooms to elevate patient-centered care. This is a net of 405 new beds compared to present day
- Enhanced connections between the new inpatient hospital and The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute
- More than half an acre of terrace space and a quarter acre of green space for a small park
- A gain of 148 beds for the OSUCCC – James
- 51 neonatal intensive care unit bassinets
- State-of-the-art diagnostic, treatment and inpatient service areas; imaging, operating rooms; and critical care and medical/surgical beds

Interdisciplinary Research Facility

The Interdisciplinary Research Facility envisions an innovative and modern environment that catalyzes convergence research in life sciences and biomedical engineering while providing new opportunities for the community and industry to engage Ohio State researchers. The project is an anchor for Carmenton, Ohio State’s new innovation district, and will house approximately 305,000 new square feet of research space, including wet, computation and core labs, a vivarium and support spaces. It’s scheduled to open in June 2023.

Outpatient care

We continue to expand to communities across central Ohio, where you’ll find the advanced health care of Ohio State in a convenient, community setting. Our experts are dedicated to your best health, providing nearly every type of care in a single location to help you live your best life.

Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Center

The Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Center and renovation of Hamilton Hall is a $155.9 million, multiphase project that advances the university’s long-term vision to build vibrant futures. It will be the new home of the College of Medicine, but the project is poised to benefit other health science colleges including Dentistry, Nursing, Optometry, Pharmacy, Public Health and Veterinary Medicine, and strengthen the interdisciplinary curriculum of Ohio State so students can become better prepared to face challenges as a health care team. Phase II is scheduled to be completed June 2023 and phase III is scheduled to be complete in January 2024. Project features:

- A 120,000-square-foot renovation of Hamilton Hall
- Construction of a 100,000-square-foot building to create 33 state-of-the-art classrooms, each with new teaching technology, including virtual reality and enhanced anatomy and surgical practice labs

Sterile supply building

Our $45.3 million central sterile supply building opened in February 2021 and serves as an invaluable resource for the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center’s hospitals and outpatient care facilities by cleaning surgical equipment. It has the capacity to support care for more than 48,000 surgical patients per year.
Patient Care

When we’re at our best, we make a real difference to people. From telehealth to inpatient care, the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center is there when and where our patients need us.

Thousands of patients come to us each month for treatments and services they can’t find anywhere else. As one of the nation’s leading academic health centers, we offer health care services in virtually every specialty and subspecialty in medicine. Our treatment is deeply personalized because our resources are vast.

Our hospitals

University Hospital: Our flagship facility, home to the region’s most advanced intensive care units.

James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute: The third-largest cancer hospital in the country and the only freestanding cancer hospital in central Ohio, with satellite clinics such as the Stefanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center and James Outpatient Care – West Campus, which will include central Ohio’s only proton therapy center when it opens in June 2023.

Harding Hospital: The most comprehensive psychiatric and behavioral health services in central Ohio.

Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital: The nation’s first hospital dedicated to cardiovascular care.

East Hospital: Blends the friendly atmosphere of a community hospital with all the advantages of a major medical center.

Dodd Rehabilitation Hospital: Home to our acclaimed inpatient program specializing in stroke, brain and spinal cord rehabilitation.

Brain and Spine Hospital: Specialized units for stroke care, traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, chronic pain and more.

By the numbers

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Our central Ohio facilities

Beyond our seven hospitals, the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center has nearly 100 facilities across central Ohio to provide convenient patient access and the space needed for the most technologically advanced research, teaching and patient care possible. They include:

Jameson Crane Sports Medicine Institute, the Midwest’s largest and most advanced sports medicine facility.

Eye and Ear Institute, home to the Hand and Upper Extremity Center and Havener Eye Institute.

Ohio State Integrative Health, offering therapy, wellness and other services to heal the mind, body and spirit.

Primary care offices, located throughout Columbus for easy access.

Immediate care clinics, where no appointments are necessary for patients 18 months and older.

Multispecialty community locations, providing convenient access to the best routine and specialty care right in our patients’ neighborhoods.

Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center, a state-of-the-art training center for medical students and other health professionals that simulates actual patient care experiences.

Surgical Skills Lab, an advanced training venue for exploring innovative new products and procedures.

Outpatient Care Dublin and New Albany, comprehensive health care centers unlike any other, and the first and second of three outpatient care centers to open as part of the medical center’s strategic expansion of outpatient services.
The Ohio State University is one of the most comprehensive universities in the world, and one of the few with seven health science colleges on one campus. Our breadth allows students to pursue their academic passions while benefiting from novel interdisciplinary collaborations.

- College of Dentistry
- College of Medicine
- College of Nursing
- College of Optometry
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Public Health
- College of Veterinary Medicine

College of Medicine

For more than 100 years, The Ohio State University College of Medicine has combined innovative medical education with cutting-edge research and science-based patient care.

We’re proud of what we’ve accomplished and of our impact on the changing face of medicine. Our leaders have charted a course for the future as we continually evolve to meet ever-changing demands in medicine.

The Ohio State College of Medicine is consistently ranked among the top 40 medical schools in the United States and among the top 15 public universities. The college’s innovative curriculum places students in clinical settings from the start of their first year. We’re one of the few schools in the world to offer five dual medical degrees: MD/PhD, MD/MBA, MD/JD, MD/MHA and MD/MPH.

Our School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences offers degrees in athletic training, health sciences, medical dietetics, radiologic science, respiratory therapy and physical therapy.

More than 60 accredited graduate and residency programs train more than 800 residents and fellows each year. In addition, users in approximately 150 countries access our web-based continuing medical education training programs each year.
Research

We push the boundaries to make life-altering biomedical discoveries and build breakthrough health care solutions that we quickly translate to patient care.

Research centers

Dorothy M. Davis Heart and Lung Research Institute: Where a team of more than 600 faculty, staff and trainees representing eight university colleges and 26 departments dedicate their time to diagnostics and treatments for patients with acute and chronic disease.

OSUCCC – James: The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center (OSUCCC) is one of only 53 comprehensive cancer centers designated by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and one of only a few institutions funded by the NCI to conduct both phase I and phase II clinical trials on novel anticancer agents provided by the NCI. With total annual research grant funding of $75.4 million, including $55.3 million from the NCI, OSUCCC – James researchers are advancing the understanding of cancer and translating that knowledge into new treatments, moving us closer to achieving our vision of a cancer-free world.

Institute for Behavioral Medicine Research: The cornerstone of a broad university research program studying how the brain interacts with the body’s immune system. Our researchers span the fields of immunology, virology, psychiatry, psychology, endocrinology, molecular biology, behavior, oncology and the neurosciences.

Nisonger Center: We’re 120 interdisciplinary faculty, researchers, clinicians, teachers, staff and trainees across four Ohio State colleges. Our shared goal: to improve the lives of people with neurodevelopmental disorders by promoting inclusion in education, health, employment and community living.

Center for Clinical and Translational Science: Our collaboration with Nationwide Children’s Hospital is dedicated to turning the scientific discoveries of today into the life-changing disease prevention strategies and health diagnostics and treatments of tomorrow.

Biomedical Research Tower: At 403,000 square feet, it’s the largest research building on our campus and a critical hub for the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center’s internationally recognized research programs in cancer and cancer genetics, cardiovascular and lung disease, and high-field imaging.

By the numbers

1 of 64
members of a National Institutes of Health consortium that speeds the translation of scientific discovery into better patient care

1 of 53
National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the U.S.

20 top 50 programs
in the 2021 Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research rankings

1 faculty member currently elected to the National Academy of Sciences

8 faculty members currently elected to the National Academy of Medicine

2,000+
active research studies and clinical trials in virtually every medical specialty
Community

It’s our responsibility to take care of our communities, so we invest in multiple efforts to improve the health of our community, our state and beyond.

Traveling to our patients: The Ohio State Community Care Coach looks like a bus on the outside, but inside, you’ll find exam rooms, doctors, nurses, social workers and other health care professionals. Our coach is a walk-in center where no appointments are necessary.

Making health care fun: As part of our community outreach, we’ve thrown a yearly Healthy Community Day with live music, family activities, free food — and health screenings and services. Doctors, nurses, pharmacists, physical therapists, optometrists and stroke and wound care specialists come together to care for anyone who stops by.

Tackling a community epidemic: In the face of a nationwide opioid crisis, we marshal our resources to find solutions. Our campuswide efforts include designing free sessions to distribute naloxone kits to the public and teach participants how to administer naloxone safely.

Combating infant mortality: Franklin County’s infant mortality rate is one of the highest in the nation, with Black babies dying at twice the rate of white babies. It takes an entire community to save our infants, so we’re committing substantial professional and volunteer support to the cause.

Expanding access to mammograms: The OSUCCC – James has two mobile units that regularly go into communities across Ohio to offer the latest digital mammography technology, including tomosynthesis or 3D mammography.

Improving early detection and prevention of colorectal cancer: Ohio State colorectal cancer experts have launched an initiative, conducted in partnership with the Center for Cancer Health Equity at the OSUCCC – James, aimed at increasing colorectal cancer screening in the Black community, a historically underserved population at increased risk for colorectal cancer.

Teaching healthy eating: The purpose of the OSUCCC – James Mobile Education Kitchen is to educate the community about healthy, cancer-preventive foods and how to prepare these foods not only in tasty ways, but in ways everyone can understand and do at home. Chefs focus on nutrition as it relates to cancer risk-reduction through food.

Expanding access to care across central Ohio: The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center is dedicated to expanding access to care, and has embarked on an aggressive plan that includes opening outpatient care centers in four different locations over five years, providing personalized, state-of-the-art care to the community in convenient locations.
Columbus

We know you’re interested in life beyond the hospital walls — and we’re proud to say Columbus offers the best of big-city culture with small-town affability.

Why make your home in Columbus?

It’s affordable
A dollar goes further here. The cost of living is 8% below the national average, and our average rent and home prices will leave you pleasantly surprised. As of 2022, the median monthly rent was $1,054 for one bedroom, and the median home price was $345,008. Columbus’ housing expenses are 13% lower than the national average and the utility prices are 10% lower than the national average. You don’t have to live far from the city’s center to get a great deal, either — our commutes are actually shorter than the U.S. average.

It’s thriving
One of the fastest-growing cities in the country, Columbus is the 14th largest city in the U.S. and the second largest in the Midwest behind Chicago. We’re home to an impressive list of employers and celebrated for our job creation. Oh, and we know how to have fun: Our arts and entertainment options will keep your calendar fully booked while our acclaimed food scene will satisfy your cravings from sushi to schnitzel. If you’re into sports, we’ve got professional hockey and soccer teams as well as a college football program you may have heard about.

It’s smart
Home to an expanding number of startup businesses, in addition to five Fortune 500 and 16 Fortune 1000 companies, Columbus harbors a spirit of innovation that attracts the best and brightest. We also produce the best and brightest at our top-ranked public and private schools. Learn more by searching Ohio’s School Report Cards.

It’s welcoming
Columbus is a city that invites and embraces cultural and economic diversity. There are 134 nations represented here, and our residents speak 109 different languages. We also have a reputation for being accepting, welcoming and LGBTQ+ friendly.

“With a revitalized riverfront and booming downtown, Columbus is already one of the nation’s fastest-growing cities.” – The New York Times

“A youthful, entrepreneurial energy has fueled a lot of changes in Ohio’s capital, a fashion design hub (you read that right) brimming with creative restaurants, craft breweries, distilleries and small-batch coffee roasters.” – Chicago Tribune

“It’s a fashion design hub (you read that right) brimming with creative restaurants, craft breweries, distilleries and small-batch coffee roasters.” – Chicago Tribune

“If there’s one thing we know about the Midwest now, it’s to stop expecting certain things from the Midwest, and certainly not Ohio’s capital city, which has a nearly Sun Belt-esque buoyancy about it these days, as it welcomes all-comers, from all over the world, into the ever-growing fold.” – Food & Wine
Eat and explore

Columbus knows how to satisfy your cravings. While we’re the hometown of nationally known food brands — such as Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams, Wendy’s, Bob Evans and White Castle — there are plenty of tempting dishes from talented local chefs. Just a few options:

- **North Market**: While most communities around Columbus offer seasonal farmers markets, this one is the granddaddy of them all. In operation since 1876, this downtown spot offers fresh everything.

- **Arena District**: Restaurants, bars, sporting events, concerts, movies and entertainment, all just steps from the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Huntington Park and Nationwide Arena.

- **German Village**: Great food and craft beer where Columbus’ German immigrants got their start.

- **Short North**: Eat, drink, shop and admire the art in the culturally rich Short North Arts District, which you’ll recognize by the 17 lighted arches that frame this famed stretch of High Street.

- **Local brews and spirits**: Sample craft beer, wine, gin, vodka, bourbon and mead, all made by Columbus entrepreneurs and local breweries.

Discover art and music

We’re a community rich in culture, sights and sounds. Among them:

- Columbus Arts Festival, a street festival since 1962, with more than 250 global artists

- Columbus Symphony Orchestra Masterworks programs and Picnic with the Pops

- Opera Columbus

- BalletMet

- Columbus Museum of Art

- Wexner Center for the Arts

- KEMBA Live! — America’s first indoor/outdoor concert venue

- Newport Music Hall, the longest continually running rock club in the nation
Cheer – and join in

Whether you’re a fan or a participant, Columbus offers plenty to get your heart pumping. A few of the teams and activities:

- Columbus Blue Jackets, a National Hockey League team with a fervent local following
- Columbus Crew, Major League Soccer, beloved by a legion of passionate fans
- Columbus Clippers, AAA Major League Baseball affiliate of the Cleveland Guardians
- More than 32 private and 79 public or semiprivate golf courses
- PGA Memorial Golf Tournament, hosted by Jack Nicklaus
- The Arnold (Schwarzenegger) Sports Festival, four days, 75 sports, 20,000+ athletes from around the world
- Nationwide Children’s Hospital Columbus Marathon

Bring the family

Kid-friendly Columbus is ready to entertain the pickiest of critics:

- COSI (Center of Science and Industry), named No. 1 Science Center for Families by Parents magazine
- Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. Be sure to visit Zoorassic Bay right next door
- Columbus Metropolitan Library
- Ohio State Fair, which draws nearly 950,000 visitors for a 12-day event
- Ohio History Center and Ohio Village
- Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens
- Olentangy Caverns
- Columbus Children’s Theatre
- Red, White and BOOM!, Ohio’s largest fireworks display

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Corporate Columbus

Columbus boasts an impressive list of employers. Some of our largest — and also some of our most generous community philanthropists — include:

- JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company
- Honda
- L Brands Inc.
- Huntington Bancshares Inc.
- Cardinal Health Inc.
- American Electric Power
- Bread Financial
- Abercrombie & Fitch
- CoverMyMeds
- Wendy’s International
- Kroger Co. S
- Amazon
- Giant Eagle Inc.
- Rogue