St. Luke's University Health Network’s vision is to achieve top decile performance in clinical quality and safety measures, provide exceptional service and be perceived as EASY to use by everyone accessing our services.

The Network’s flagship University Hospital has earned the 100 Top Major Teaching Hospital designation from Fortune/PINC AI 11 times total and nine years in a row, including in 2023 when it was identified as THE #4 TEACHING HOSPITAL IN THE COUNTRY. In 2021, St. Luke’s was identified as one of the 15 Top Health Systems nationally. It is the only Lehigh Valley-based health care system to earn Medicare’s five-star ratings (the highest) for quality, efficiency and patient satisfaction. It is both a Leapfrog Group and Healthgrades Top Hospital and a Newsweek World’s Best Hospital.

The fully integrated system includes Pennsylvania’s largest trauma network and hospital-based EMS unit; 24 Care Now walk-in urgent care locations and many other health care services, such as home health and hospice.


Areas of exceptional medical expertise include:

- Largest network of trauma centers in Pennsylvania (7)
- Cardiology/Cardiovascular Surgery
- Oncology
- Orthopedics
- Neuroscience
- Robotic/Minimally Invasive Surgery
- Radiology
- Obstetrics/Perinatal Care
- Bariatric Surgery
- Hernia Surgery
- Pediatrics

92,079 annual admissions & observations
367,379 annual emergency room visits
20,000 employees, region’s second largest employer
2,200 doctors and advanced practitioners*
1,906 volunteers contributing 139,595 hours of service

*Representing more than 100 specialties (90% of physicians are board-certified)

Medical Education

An exceptional commitment to the advancement of medical education has been a core St. Luke’s focus since its inception in 1872. St. Luke’s is one of only 400 members of the prestigious Council of Teaching Hospitals.

In response to the shortage of physicians facing our nation, St. Luke’s and the Lewis Katz School of Medicine partnered to develop the first and only medical school campus in the Lehigh Valley. Students spend all four years at St. Luke’s University Hospital – Bethlehem. The inaugural class graduated in 2015. St. Luke’s expects to graduate 300 physicians in 10 years and to retain 150 (50 percent) in the Lehigh Valley region.

St. Luke’s offers more than 470 intern/resident/fellowship positions in 50 accredited programs. Teaching staff hold faculty appointments at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine, The University of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Additionally, St. Luke’s School of Nursing is the nation’s longest continuously operating nursing school. The fully accredited program currently enrolls 150+ students. St. Luke’s is also a major allied health training site. More than 560 students representing 80+ colleges, universities and technical institutes annually spend 123,300 hours at St. Luke’s.

Medical education throughout the Network is supported by St. Luke’s Simulation Center, which provides advanced training through specialized educational technology and “real world” learning environments.