



PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center, Whatcom County

PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center serves the North Sound region of Washington, with Whatcom County being its primary service area. The Bellingham medical center is the area's sole community hospital and is a Level II trauma center providing comprehensive specialty care and centers of excellence in cardiovascular, cancer, spine and joint replacements. Providers at PeaceHealth Medical Group in Bellingham and Lynden provide a full range of primary and specialty care services.

Overview

Service Area: Whatcom County, Washington. Bellingham is the largest city in the county, representing approximately 40% of the county's population.

Facts & Figures (July 2020 to June 2021)

Total Licensed Beds	251
Average Daily Census	166.4
Average Length of Stay	4.57 days
Employees	3,117
Active Medical Staff	247
Inpatient Discharges	13,464
Outpatient Clinic Visits	395,363
Births	1,882
Surgeries	7,490
ED Visits	56,284

Major Medical Services

- Integrated Cancer Center
- Cardiovascular Center
- Joint Replacement Center
- Spine Care Center
- Haggen Family Emergency & Trauma Center
- Behavioral Health Inpatient Center
- Childbirth Center
- Robotic Surgery
- Grabow Therapy & Wellness Center



Accreditations and Accomplishments

- ★ **Quality & Safety** – 2021 Medicare 4-star overall rating (out of 5) on a variety of patient care, patient experience and quality criteria
- ★ **Quality & Safety** – 2021 and 2022 'A' Leapfrog Hospital Grades rating for overall quality and safety
- ★ **Cardiovascular Care** – 2020 Recognized as top performing cardiac program by The Foundation for Health Care Quality and Cardiac Care Outcomes Assessment Program (COAP)
- ★ **Cardiothoracic Surgery** – 2020 three-star rating from The Society of Thoracic Surgeons for patient care and outcomes
- ★ **Distinguished Service** – 2021 Premier, Inc. QUEST Heroes award for distinguished service in putting patients first amidst the 2020-2021 COVID-19 public health emergency
- ★ **Maternity Care** – Blue Distinction Center of Excellence, Blue Cross, Blue Shield Association



Community Health

Learn more about the community health of Whatcom County in our [2022–2025 Community Health Needs Assessment](#)

History



In 1891, PeaceHealth St. Joseph was the first hospital founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace and has provided care to the greater Whatcom County community for more than 130 years.

Geography



Whatcom County is bordered to its north by British Columbia, Canada. It has stunning vistas of Puget Sound, the San Juan Islands and the North Cascade and Coast mountain ranges, including the active volcano Mount Baker.