Our Mission and Vision

Our Mission
UPMC’s mission is to serve our community by providing outstanding patient care and to shape tomorrow’s health system through clinical and technological innovation, research, and education.

Our Vision
UPMC will lead the transformation of health care. The UPMC model will be nationally recognized for redefining health care by:

- Putting our patients, health plan members, employees, and community at the center of everything we do and creating a model that ensures that every patient gets the right care, in the right way, at the right time, every time.
- Harnessing our integrated capabilities to deliver both superb state-of-the-art care to our patients and high value to our stakeholders
- Employing our partnership with the University of Pittsburgh to advance the understanding of disease, its prevention, treatment and cure.
- Serving the underserved and disadvantaged, and advancing excellence and innovation throughout health care.
- Fueling the development of new businesses globally that are consistent with our mission as an ongoing catalyst and driver of economic development for the benefit of the residents of the region.

Our Values

Quality and safety
We create a safe environment where quality is our guiding principle.

Dignity and respect
We treat all individuals with dignity and respect.

Caring and listening
We listen to and care for our patients, our health plan members, our fellow employees, our physicians, and our community.

Responsibility and integrity
We perform our work with the highest levels of responsibility and integrity.

Excellence and innovation
We think creatively and build excellence into everything that we do.

Altoona Snapshots

- Fully Accredited by the Joint Commission
- 375-bed acute care teaching hospital
- Adult Level II Trauma Center
- Joint Commission Designated Primary Stroke Center
- World-Class Emergency Care
Our Signature Services

Bariatrics
UPMC Altoona is a Comprehensive Center for Bariatric Surgery, accredited by the American College of Surgeons Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. Accreditation means UPMC Altoona meets the needs of patients by providing multidisciplinary, high-quality, patient-centered care.

Breast Health
The Magee-Womens Specialty Center offers Blair County’s first comprehensive breast health service, giving women a female centered and enhanced patient care experience. The focus of the center’s staff, including a board-certified general surgeon specializing in breast disease, is to provide compassionate care for women by listening, understanding, caring, and taking the time needed for optimal patient care.

Cancer Care
The integration of UPMC Altoona’s Radiation Oncology and Medical Oncology Departments into UPMC Hillman Cancer Center has brought to our region world-class cancer treatment, backed by best practices, leading-edge treatments, and cancer clinical trials. UPMC Hillman Cancer Center’s partner — the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute — is the region’s only Comprehensive Cancer Center as designated by the National Cancer Institute.

Emergency Medicine and Trauma
Our Department of Emergency Medicine and Trauma Service provides patients with the best possible care when minutes matter most. Our physicians and surgeons work with a team that includes paramedics, critical care nurses, and radiology and laboratory technicians to handle the most complex and life-threatening injuries and illnesses.

Geriatric Fracture Program
Geriatric bone fractures are a critically important health concern. When a fracture occurs, it can often have devastating and long-term consequences. Our program uses all of the resources that we have to impact this situation and deliver more positive outcomes for these patients and their families.

HVI
The UPMC Heart and Vascular Institute at UPMC Altoona offers community-based care for a range of heart and vascular disorders, with access to the most advanced treatments, latest devices, and leading-edge clinical trials. Our experts provide comprehensive cardiology, cardiac surgery, and vascular surgery services for patients with a range of heart and blood vessel conditions. UPMC Altoona is an Accredited Chest Pain Center, designated by the Society of Cardiovascular Care.

Maternity
Each year, UPMC Altoona helps over 1,000 babies come into the world — well more than any facility in the region — with 18 private LDRP rooms, a transitional nursery, and two fully equipped operating rooms.

Regional Stroke Center
UPMC Altoona has been certified as a regional stroke center by The Joint Commission. The program follows national standards and guidelines that can significantly improve outcomes for stroke patients. Its mission is to increase awareness of stroke prevention, warning signs, and the value of early treatment in the 24-county region it serves.

Surgical Services/Robotics
Surgeries include general, cardiothoracic, vascular, orthopaedic, ear-nose-throat, ophthalmologic, gynecologic, urologic, plastic, podiatric, and other basic and advanced procedures. UPMC Altoona’s robotic surgery program uses the da Vinci System to provide surgeons with enhanced capabilities, including high-definition 3D vision and a magnified view.

Wound Care
Our Wound Care and Ostomy Program offers the most advanced treatment for the management of nonhealing wounds. Ostomy education is offered by staff that includes enterostomal therapists providing the latest in ostomy care and appliances.

Our Services

- Allergy & Immunology
- Anesthesiology
- Bariatric Surgery
- Behavioral Health
- Breast Surgery
- Cardiology
- Cardiology, Interventional
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Critical Care Medicine
- Dermatology
- Emergency Medicine
- Endocrinology/Metabolism
- Family Medicine
- Gastroenterology
- Hematology/Medical Oncology
- Hospital Medicine
- Infectious Disease
- Internal Medicine
- Laboratory Services
- Maternal Fetal Medicine*
- Nephrology, Dialysis & Plasmapheresis
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Occupational Medicine
- Ophthalmology
- Oral Surgery/General Dentistry
- Orthopaedics
- Otolaryngology
- Pain Management
- Pediatric Cardiology*
- Pediatric Critical Care Medicine*
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine*
- Pediatric Gastroenterology*
- Pediatric Neonatology*
- Pediatrics & Newborn
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
- Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
- Podiatry
- Psychiatry
- Pulmonary Medicine
- Radiation Oncology
- Radiology
- Radiology, Interventional
- Rheumatology
- Reproductive Endocrinology*
- Sports Medicine
- Surgery
- Surgery, Robotic
- Trauma/Surgical Critical Care Medicine
- Urology
- Vascular/Thoracic Surgery