



SUNY TEACHING HOSPITALS: Where Our Health Is The Bottom Line

OVERVIEW

New York's three state teaching hospitals are on the front lines in the fight against pressing public health issues like cancer, heart disease, mental illness and opioid addiction. SUNY Upstate, SUNY Downstate and SUNY Stony Brook hospitals also lead the charge in training the next generation of health care professionals and developing cutting-edge cures and treatment. SUNY teaching hospitals care for everyone, regardless of ability to pay, and invest in expensive treatments that other hospitals can't—or won't. While other hospitals chase profits or operate on the whims of their boards, SUNY teaching hospitals answer directly to the citizens. Yet state subsidies were eliminated in 2018 and ignored in 2019.

**Investing in SUNY state-run teaching hospitals
means investing in our health and in our future.**

A Proven Record of Caring for *All* New Yorkers

- SUNY's state-run teaching hospitals serve more than 1.3 million patients each year, and form a crucial part of the social safety net for thousands of New Yorkers.
- Using the public funds entrusted to them, these medical centers offer life-saving care to the most diverse and underserved populations—from upstate rural counties to communities in Brooklyn and on Long Island.

Creating Job Pipelines and Driving the Economy

- SUNY teaching hospitals fill the growing need for doctors, nurses and other health care professionals:
 - By 2032, there could be a physician shortage of up to 121,000 nationwide
 - Nursing jobs are expected to grow 15 percent from 2016 to 2026
- SUNY teaching hospitals provide over 25,000 jobs.
- Each of these campuses has an annual economic impact of billions of dollars, including construction projects, jobs supported and operational expenditures. For example, Upstate has an annual impact of \$3 billion; Stony Brook hospitals, \$2.2 billion.

Fast Facts: What Makes SUNY Teaching Hospitals So Critical?



SUNY teaching hospitals:

- Focus on public service and equity, rather than fattening their bottom lines.
- Possess advanced equipment and offer treatments that other hospitals can't—or won't—pay for.
- Provide outreach to the most isolated and vulnerable communities.

For example:

Upstate Medical University

• The only academic medical center in Central New York. It offers the ONLY:

- Level-1 Trauma center
- Cancer center
- Children's hospital
- Burn center

- The region's largest employer, with a \$600 million payroll
- 4,000-plus Upstate graduates practice medicine in New York
- A total annual impact of \$3 billion
- \$500 million in recent construction projects that support jobs and community investment

Downstate Medical Center

• More New York City physicians have trained at Downstate than at any other medical school.

The teaching hospital produces more than 1,500 doctors each year

- Leading efforts to bring the biotechnology industry to Brooklyn and New York City with its 50,000-square-foot Advanced Biotechnology Incubator
- Fourth largest employer in Brooklyn

- Ranks in the 96th percentile in terms of African-American graduates, and ranks sixth nationally in the number of African-American faculty members holding a position at a medical school (out of 145 accredited medical schools)
- Birthplace of the MRI
- 1998 faculty recipient of the Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology
- A racially diverse student body; 60 percent of all students are minorities

Stony Brook University/ Southampton Hospitals

• The only hospital-based 24/7 emergency care on the South Fork

- Suffolk County's only academic medical center, Level 1 Trauma care, and children's hospital
- Long Island's only Tick-Borne Disease Resource Center
- The nation's first Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis Center

- The only facility offering complete breast health services on Long Island's East End
- Nearly 5,000 births annually at the hospitals
- Designated Centers of Excellence for ALS and Alzheimer's
- Annual research expenditures of \$94.2 million
- Annual economic impact of \$2.2 billion

Defend, Don't Defund

UUP urges the Legislature to:

- Allocate \$87 million to return the hospital subsidy to SUNY's teaching hospitals. The state must resume its clear-cut responsibility to ensure these state-owned and operated institutions provide the best medical assistance possible.
- Earmark \$36.1 million to cover the hospitals' debt service.
- Establish the Medical Education Opportunity Program to ensure New York is a leader in medical diversity.