

Ascension St Vincent Evansville Our History

Since 1970, we've welcomed medical students and resident physicians and worked hard to help them learn. Over the years, many graduates have stayed to work here, finding a professional home within our hospital.

Today, our hospital is proud to be a clinical training facility for residents who are part of the National Ascension family of 140 hospitals.

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Founding







THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Daughters of Charity were founded in 1633 in Paris, France. They are a Society of Apostolic Life, given to God, in Community for the service of the poor.

Inspired by the Gospel vision of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the Daughters of Charity are given to God in Community, for the service of persons living in poverty.

There are 17,000 Daughters of Charity serving in the world located in 94 countries and on every continent except Antarctica. They have ministered in Evansville for 154 years.

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First Facility 1872



At the request of Bernard Schapker, an Evansville businessman, corresponds with Sister Euphemia requesting the Daughters of Charity Maryland come to Evansville and a hospital. On July 18, 1872, first patient, a man who fell ill traveling upriver before stopping in Evansville was admitted to St Mary's. The Sisters happily prepare a bed for the grateful stranger in one of the renovated rooms, and send for a doctor. The next day, Sister Marie Voelker, DC, and three other Daughters of Charity officially open St. Mary's Hospital, the first hospital in Evansville, in the old Marine hospital on the banks of the Ohio River. It operated until 1894 when the facility up sized and moved to First Avenue.

The New St Mary's 1894



The city's rapid growth in population and industry required a larger hospital. Under the leadership of hospital administrator Sister Mary Agnes Farrell, the Sisters purchased seven lots on the corner of First Avenue and Columbia to build a new hospital. A new St. Mary's Hospital opened at the corner of First Avenue and Columbia Street in 1894. this new hospital offered many modern innovations, including steam-powered elevators and operating room lighting so bright that doctors can operate as well at night.

Third Campus 1956



In one day, on March 10, 1956, St. Mary's closed its First Avenue hospital and opened the current Washington Avenue hospital, in a massive move known as "Operation Good Neighbor." The entire staff of the hospital and nearly 800 volunteers moved 97 patients and all of the hospital's equipment using 215 tractors, trailers and vans donated by local businesses. Estimates at the time suggested the operation saved the hospital over $100,000 in moving costs.

St Mary’s Health



Integration and Rebranding:
In 2012, St. Mary's Health (which included the hospital) was integrated into St. Vincent Health, a larger statewide healthcare ministry. The hospital officially became Ascension St. Vincent Evansville in 2017.

Current Campus 2017



Ascension St. Vincent Evansville is now the flagship hospital of the Ascension St. Vincent network in the Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky tri-state area and a level II trauma center, serving Vanderburgh County and the surrounding region.

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Center For Advanced Medicine 2006



In 2006 the Center for Advanced Medicine made possible consolidation of services in previously decentralized parts of the campus. It increased patient convenience, and separated outpatient services to provide improved processes and efficiency.

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Orthopedic Hospital 2017



Ascension St. Vincent Orthopedic Hospital in Evansville, Indiana, broke ground in 2017. The $95 million, 135,000-square-foot facility opened its doors in 2019

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Center for Children 2018



The Patricia Browning Sensory Playground opens on the main campus of Ascension St. Vincent Evansville, and is connected to our outpatient Center for Children facility. This new creative outdoor and indoor playground space is used by specially trained physical and occupational therapists to provide for children who have autistic spectrum developmental needs.

Ascension St. Vincent YMCA 2019



Ascension St. Vincent YMCA opens in collaboration with our local YMCA. This newly-constructed, full-service YMCA facility includes Ascension Medical Group doctor offices on the first floor, and Ascension St. Vincent Evansville Rehabilitation services on the second floor. Rehabilitation services include physical, occupational and speech therapy with a focus on cutting- edge evaluation and treatment of neurological conditions.

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Peyton Manning Children's Hospital 2019



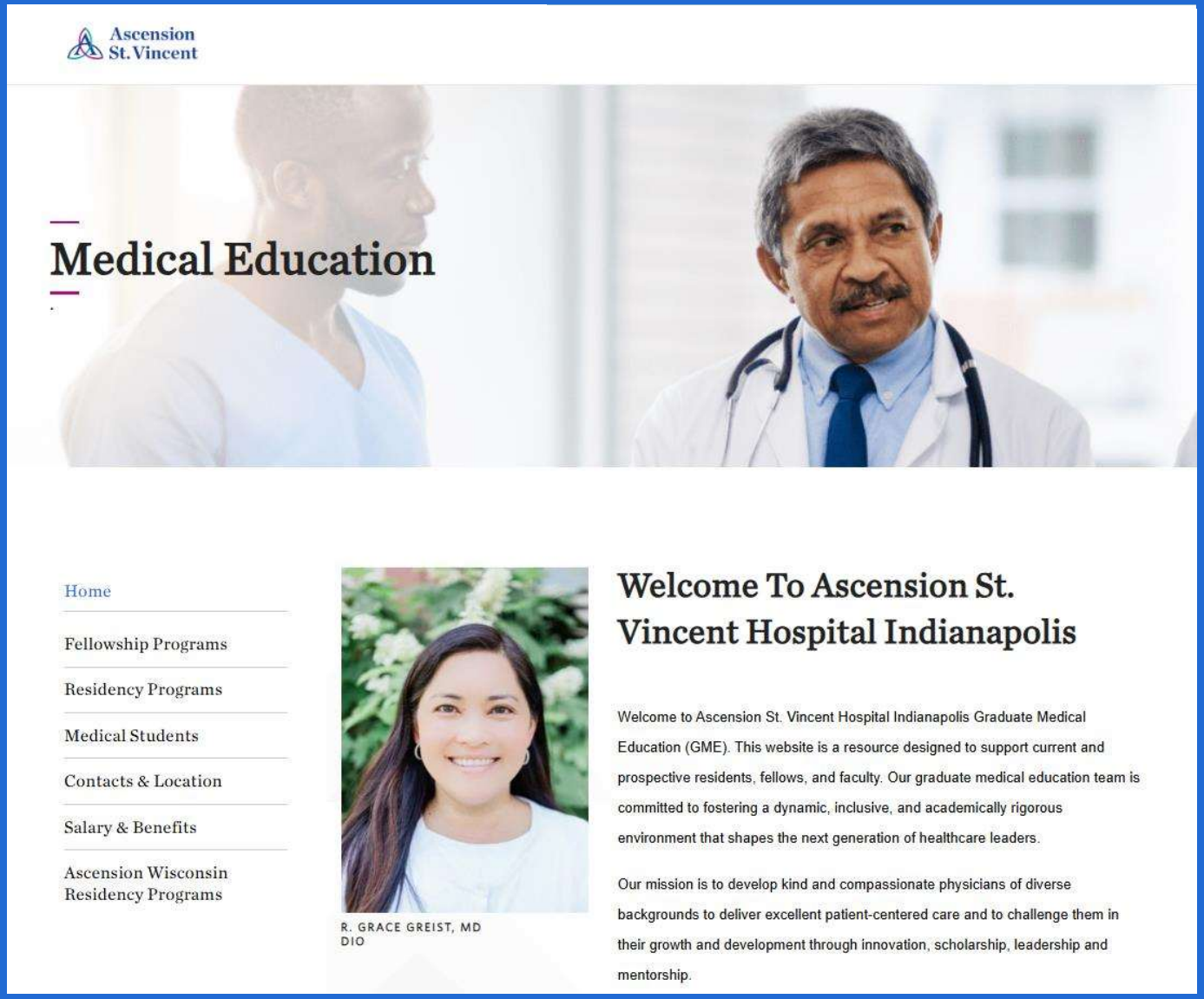
Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at Ascension St. Vincent Evansville
The only 24-hour pediatric emergency services provided in our region.

Ascension St Vincent Evansville
Recent Key Milestones

1969 St. Mary's Cancer Program is accredited, the first in the tristate
1969 St. Mary's ICU opens
1970 St. Vincent Family Medicine Residency begins
1982 St. Mary's Life Flight the Tri-State's first air ambulance service takes flight
1986 St. Mary's/St. Vincent Podiatry Residency begins.
1997 St. Mary's celebrates its 125th anniversary
1997 Ascension Health formed-the largest not-for-profit Catholic healthcare system in the United States.
2005 St. Mary's is the first Level II Adult Trauma Center in the Tri-State.
2006 St. Mary's Center for Advanced Medicine opens.
2007 St. Mary's opens its Surgical/Trauma ICU.
2011 St. Mary's receives nursing Magnet® Designation redesignation 2016 & 2021.
2012 St. Mary's becomes a member of Ascension St. Vincent.
2014 St. Mary's Medical Group is formed
2016 Pharmacy Residency Begins.
2019 Peyton Manning Children's Hospital and Pediatric Emergency room opens
2022 Ascension St Vincent Evansville celebrates its 150 Anniversary
2024 Ascension St Vincent Indianapolis (Southern Region) Internal Medicine Residency begins accreditation.
2025 Inaugural Class Ascension St Vincent Indianapolis (Southern Region) Internal Medicine Residency

Sponsoring Institution 2024

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Residencies
Family Medicine
General Surgery
Internal Medicine Indianapolis
Internal Medicine (Southern Region)
OB/GYN
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Fellowships
Geriatrics
Cardiovascular Disease
Adv Heart Failure
& Transplant Cardiology
Electrophysiology
Interventional Cardiology
Pulmonary Critical Care

In 2024 Ascension St Vincent Evansville partnered with Ascension St Vincent Indianapolis, to form Ascension St Vincent Indianapolis Internal Medicine (Southern Region)

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We achieved initial Accreditation with no Citations and no Areas for Improvement (AFI"S) in January 2025

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Dear Dr. Ficalora,

The Review Committee for Internal Medicine, functioning in accordance with the policies and procedures of the ACGME, has reviewed the application for accreditation submitted regarding the following program:

Internal medicine

Ascension St. Vincent Hospital Indianapolis (Southern Region) Program
Ascension St Vincent Hospital Indianapolis
Evansville, IN

Program 1401700001

Based on all the information available at its recent meeting, the Review Committee conferred the following status:

Status: Initial Accreditation
Effective Date: 01/24/2025
Total Approved Resident Positions: 39
Approximate Next Site Visit: 01/01/2027

The Review Committee determined that the program is in substantial compliance with the Program Requirements and did not issue any citations.

The Review Committee must be notified of any major changes in the organization of the program. When corresponding with this office, please identify the program by number and name as indicated above.

Sincerely,

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