

Marshfield Clinic was founded in 1916.

Six physicians pooled their medical expertise into one of the first medical group practices in the nation, along with eight office and medical support staff.

The physicians saw the importance of research and education, with the Clinic forging a tie with the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1926 with its preceptorship program.

In 1959, Marshfield Medical Research and Education Foundation was founded. The organization, now Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation, has five centers:

- Biomedical Informatics Research Center
- Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Population Health
- Center for Human Genetics
- Clinical Research Center
- National Farm Medicine Center

An early research success, in 1960, was cardiologist Dean Emanuel receiving the Clinic's first research grant from the National Institutes of Health – a three-year \$41,500 grant to study Farmer's Lung.

There was great growth by the 1970s. The Clinic founded the Greater Marshfield Community Health Plan in 1971, one of the first health maintenance organizations in the nation.

In 1974, the Clinic established the Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc., as well as its medical residency program.

EXPANDING ITS REACH, PATIENT ACCESS

The Clinic's approach to regional health care began in 1976 when the first satellite center opened in Mosinee. Currently, about 60 locations across central, northern and western Wisconsin serve more than 350,000 unique patients each year.

The Clinic's focus on rural health care expanded in 1980 when the National Farm Medicine Center was created. Today, technology such as telemedicine and the Clinic's three mobile mammography units allows providers to reach more patients in rural Wisconsin than ever before.

The Clinic received 501(c)(3) nonprofit status in 1987, the same year Security Health Plan of Wisconsin, Inc., evolved from Greater Marshfield.

The Clinic was recognized as a leader in medical informatics in 1994 when it was one of the first medical organizations in the U.S. to implement an electronic medical record. By 2007, the Clinic was chartless with providers relying exclusively on electronic records.

Tapping its research roots, the Clinic dedicated the Melvin R. Laird Center for Research & Education in 1997 in honor of the former Marshfield Congressman and U.S. Secretary of Defense.



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The Clinic's role as a national leader in medicine was proven again in 2004 when it was one of 10 group practices to participate in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Physician Group Practice Demonstration Project. The Clinic saved taxpayers more than \$122 million during the seven-year project, proving it could lower costs while improving quality.

MARSHFIELD CLINIC OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

Marshfield Clinic's burgeoning outreach to patients across Wisconsin, expansion into hospitals and medical information technology meant restructuring the nearly century-old business.

Marshfield Clinic Health System, Inc. (MCHS), was formed in 2012 and oversees Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield Clinic Information Services, Lakeview Medical Center, Flambeau Hospital (jointly sponsored by MCHS and Ministry Health Care) and Security Health Plan of Wisconsin, Inc.

Marshfield Clinic has grown from that 1916 group practice to a nationally renowned medical organization, home to about 750 physicians and 6,800 employees.

Much has happened in its nearly 100 years and going forward into its next century, MCHS is dedicated to continuing to meet the needs of its patients and communities it serves as health care continues to evolve.



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