



Lafayette Regional Health Center

Hospital History

Lafayette Regional Health Center has been serving Lafayette County and surrounding areas for more than 50 years. The facility offers patients access to quality inpatient and outpatient healthcare right here in their community. Our outstanding staff of primary care physicians is supported by medical specialists and a vast array of allied health professionals.

Lafayette Regional Health Center: fifty plus years old and still growing. But, while medicine and technology continue to change, some things remain constant. Located in the heart of one of the Midwest's most enduring historic communities, Lafayette Regional Health Center has weathered flood, fire and a changing rural economy for more than half a century. Now, as we move through the first decade of a new century, LRHC is well positioned for the future: we've combined our own considerable professional strengths with those of HCA Midwest Health System to provide quality medical service to residents of Lafayette County.

1950

Lexington Memorial Hospital opened its doors

1956

A \$50,000 improvements program brings the comfort of air conditioning to the entire hospital

1958

Lexington Memorial earns its first accreditation from the Joint commission

1962

Citizens pass a \$500,000 bond issue for a nursing home wing; A \$350,000 federal grant helps the hospital expand to 77 beds

1967

Physical therapy services are added

1975

A four-bed intensive care unit opens

1979

24-hour emergency room coverage begins under the direction of Fred Nevius, MD

1983

Research Health Services of Kansas City assumes management of Lexington Memorial; County Board of Trustees adopts "Lafayette Regional Health Center" as the hospital's operating name

1984

The home health care agency opens

1985

Ground is broken for a \$3.2 million renovation

1988

Best Years debuts (a new seniors membership program)
The first total joint replacement surgery

1989

Lynthia Andrews, MD is elected as the hospital's first woman chief of medical staff

1990

The Zebadiah Allen Dorsch Memorial Chapel, donated by Keith and Connie Dorsch in memory of their son, is dedicated

1991

A 3,500 square-foot, \$1 million expansion is completed, housing an outpatient clinic and a C-T scanner

1993

LRHC weathers a massive flood; water and air conditioning is shut off for a full week

1994

Outpatient clinic catches fire, but is restored successfully

1998

MRI services incorporated into services

2000

Best Joint Commission Survey results in its history; the hospital celebrates a half-century of service to the Lafayette County community

2003

HCA assumes management of LRHC

2003

Bret Kolman assumes role of CEO

2004

Critical Access designation awarded

2005

Concordia Medical Clinic in Concordia, MO opens its doors

2007

Buckner Medical Clinic opens its doors

2008

A \$600,000 addition of MRI suite

2009

Implements digital radiology