About Cambridge Health Alliance

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) is a vibrant, innovative health system dedicated to providing essential services to all members of the community. With 140,000 patients in Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston’s Metro North region, CHA is a local provider of choice for primary care, specialty care, emergency services, hospital care, maternity care and behavioral health. CHA patients receive high quality care in convenient neighborhood locations and have seamless access to advanced care through CHA’s affiliations with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) and Mass. General Hospital for Children (MGHfC).

CHA’s community commitment extends beyond serving its patients. CHA operates the Cambridge Public Health Department and collaborates with many local agencies and organizations to improve the health of local residents. It also provides a vital safety net for underserved populations facing barriers to care. As a Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Tufts University School of Medicine teaching hospital, CHA trains the health care providers of tomorrow.

Fiscal Year 2019

CHA Components

- 3 hospitals – Cambridge, Somerville, and Everett – each with 24-hour emergency services
- 12 primary care practices and 3 Teen Health Centers
- Cambridge Public Health Department
- CHA Physicians Organization (CHAPO)
- CHA Foundation

Delivery System Primary Service Area
Cambridge, Somerville, Malden, Medford, Chelsea, Revere, Everett and Winthrop, MA.

Non-Physician Employees

Employees ................................................. 3,617
FTE Positions .........................................2,740

CHA Physicians

Medical Staff.............................................647
Active Medical Staff .............................. 404
Medical Students ................................. 195
Residents ............................................. 137

Inpatient Beds in Service

Med/Surg.................................................. 137
ICU ...................................................... 18
Psych.................................................... 89
Maternity ............................................. 14
Nursery ............................................... 19
TOTAL ................................................. 277

Key Statistics

Discharges ........................................... 10,184
Patient Days ..................................... 56,374
Avg. LOS (in days) .............................. 5.54
ED Visits ...........................................94,947
Ambulatory Visits ................................. 619,536
Births.................................................. 1,171

Research

# of research grant applications submitted........................................ 22
Active/funded research grants .................... 47
Research expenditures ......................... $4,873,270

Academic Affiliations

CHA is a teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Tufts University School of Medicine.

These partnerships allow CHA to offer training programs in Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Podiatric Surgery, Psychiatry, Psychology and Dentistry.

CHA is also home to a Pharmacy Residency and Serves as a teaching site for numerous Boston-area Nursing schools.
Recent CHA Awards and Achievements

A Great Place to Work

2019 Chief Nursing Officer Lynette Alberti received the Elaine K. Sherwood Award from the Organization of Nurses Leaders.

2018 Gold Award for worksite wellness, Worksite Wellness Council of Massachusetts

Improving Health

2019 Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program national accreditation

2019 Complex Care Management Program national accreditation

2019 GAGE Award Remarkable Project recipient for “Reducing the Use of Ad Hoc Interpreters”

2019 GAGE Award Remarkable Project recipient for “Somerville High School Dental Health Program”

2019 Jill Kasper, MD, received the Sandra and Arnold Gold Award for Humanistic Teaching

2019 Vonessa Costa, received Tony Windsor Award from the Mass. Area Health Education Center for supporting linguistic access to care

2019 Rebekah Rollston, MD, MPH, received the American Academy of Family Physicians Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education

2019 Latino Mental Health Program receives Harvard Medical School Harold Amos Diversity Award

2018 Specialty Pharmacy national accreditation

Academic Excellence

2019 Yamini Saravanan, MD, received Harvard Medical School Excellence in Clinical Instruction Award

2019 Rachel Stark, MD, received Harvard Medical School Young Mentoring Award

2019 Pieter Cohen, MD received Harvard Medical School Barger Excellence in Mentoring Award

Community Excellence

2019 Claude Jacob, chief public health officer, received Curtis M. Hilliard Award from the Mass. Health Officers’ Association

2018 Cambridge Public Health Department received national accreditation

2018 CHA received the Orme Partnership Award for creating a patient and family centered culture