

What inpatient and outpatient health care facilities exist in the U.S.? What value do these facilities provide to community health care?

An In patient facility is described as a facility an individual may stay for more than a 24-hour period. Some examples are hospitals and long-term facilities or nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities or SNF, in-patient facilities also include treatment for behavioral or substance abuse. Historically hospitals were places providing shelter and food to the sick and keep the sick separated from the healthy people.

Out patient facilities are where individuals are treated in less that a 24-hour period. These include doctor's offices, clinics, emergency rooms, and diagnostic testing centers and some treatment facilities. Out patient imaging and laboratories are also considered an out patient facility. Many community health centers and clinics are considered out patient facilities.

The goal of both in-patient and outpatient facilities in the U.S. is to provide quality care. Both in and out patient facilities provide an invaluable access to health care.

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The U.S. has hundreds of inpatient and outpatient health care facilities. Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital is a 430-bed tertiary care medical center designated as a Level One Trauma Center (Neurosurgery, 2010). The Children's Hospital of Wisconsin is a 222-bed tertiary care facility serving as the only facility in the state caring solely for children and functions as the state's Level One pediatric trauma center (Neurosurgery, 2010). The fifth floor of the Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital is assigned to neurosurgery critical care, acute neurosurgery, neurosurgery-neurology, and spinal cord injury rehabilitation (Neurosurgery, 2010). The children's hospital provides the community with a hospital tailored for children, which takes some stress off of family members. The Froedtert hospital offers the community specialized doctor's that know how to handle special traumas.

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