Timeline

1856 – Lake Street Hospital, forerunner to Huron Hospital, opens as the third hospital in Cleveland with 20 beds in a small house.

1874 – Lake Street Hospital becomes Huron Road Hospital.

1935 – Huron Road Hospital relocates to part of the former John D. Rockefeller estate in East Cleveland.


1960s – Developed spinal needle for anesthesia.

1984 – Huron Road Hospital becomes founding member of Meridia Health System.

1997 – Meridia Health System joins Cleveland Clinic system.

2008 – Awarded U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Medal of Honor for success in saving lives by increasing organ donation rates. Received Bronze Medal in 2010.

2009 – Huron Hospital becomes first Cleveland Clinic hospital, and among only 1 percent nationally, to fully implement electronic medical record.

Oct. 3, 2011 – $25 million Cleveland Clinic Huron Community Health Center will open.

Huron Hospital Accomplishments

- Huron Hospital’s campus is the future home of the $25 million Cleveland Clinic Huron Community Health Center, opening Oct. 3, 2011; the outpatient center will emphasize chronic disease management and prevention; it includes a Patient Navigation Center that will serve as a resource to help coordinate patients’ healthcare, financial, community and social service needs.

- Through its work on chronic disease prevention, Huron Hospital’s staff kept many patients out of the hospital, reducing the need for the equivalent of 16 beds due to success in diabetes care.

- Successful chronic disease management reduced the percentage of hospitalized patients with first or secondary diagnosis of diabetes from a high of 57 percent in 2004 to 37 percent in 2009. Named among 30 hospitals in the U.S. to receive certification from the Joint Commission as an inpatient diabetes center.

- Recycling conversion rate is highest in Cleveland Clinic health system at 40 percent; received Ohio EPA award for outstanding achievement in environmental stewardship; recycled 212 tons of waste in 2010.

- One of the first hospitals to establish a Minority Health Resource Center in collaboration with a public library. The center at the East Cleveland Public Library provides screenings, community health events, internet access to chronic disease information, organ donation education and a health library.

- Achieved top-tier reliability within Cleveland Clinic health system for core measures, infection control, safety indicators and employee engagement.

- Efficiencies: Lowest length of stay in Cleveland Clinic health system; lowest supply costs per adjusted discharge in system; highest combined value based purchasing scores (CORE Measures and Patient Satisfaction) in system.

- An Emergency Department nurse developed a Youth Diversion Program for adolescents between ages 10 and 17, successfully diverting more than 150 children from the criminal justice system. The program was created to discourage future crime among youths who have already had encounters with the juvenile court system.

- Developed Sexual Violence program, empowering people to break the cycle of violence; established a commitment to healthy babies and building a strong community through Stork’s Nest, Boot Camp for New Dads and the Fatherhood Initiative.