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## **BUSINESS COUNCIL REPORT**



## **OVERVIEW**

Since its inception in 1902, Cedars-Sinai has evolved to become the largest nonprofit hospital in the western United States — one that's internationally renowned for the best patient care modern medicine has to offer. With pioneering medical research achievements, education programs defining the future of healthcare, and wideranging community benefit activities, Cedars-Sinai is setting new standards for quality and innovation in patient care.

Cedars-Sinai's clinical and operational excellence goes far beyond rankings and honors. The organization takes a data-driven, evidence-based approach to continuously improve quality, safety, and patient experience. Cedars-Sinai's partners can be confident in their commitment to improving safety and quality of care on a continual basis. Its goal is to remain one of the top hospitals in the US for excellence in patient care, research and medical education.

# TOP 5 IN THE U.S.



## **U.S.-U.A.E. PARTNERSHIPS**

Preferred Provider Agreement with Abu Dhabi Department of Health – Cedars-Sinai has been selected as one of Abu Dhabi's preferred providers in the U.S. The agreement will facilitate international patient referrals, allow patients from the U.A.E. to benefit from Cedars-Sinai's outstanding care, help enhance patient care and support a wide range of quality improvement projects.

Global Education & Training Activities – Cedars-Sinai is engaged in numerous educational and speaking events globally, bringing forward the latest developments and achievements by key clinical leaders from Cedars-Sinai. Some major events its experts have spoken at are the first annual Abu Dhabi Healthcare Quality Summit and the GCC eHealth workforce development conference.











# **CEDARS-SINAI'S QUALITY OUTCOMES**

The American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems (COTH) is a group of individual leaders who represent approximately 400 leading teaching hospitals and health systems in the US. Membership is recognized throughout the world as a benchmark for excellence in patient care, research, and medical education.

# **Cedars-Sinai is one of only three hospitals in the United States** that ranks better than the national average in five medical conditions for 30-day survival:















# **CLINICAL NEWS**



### **COVID-19 RECOVERY PROGRAM**

Cedars-Sinai has launched the COVID-19 Recovery Program to meet the needs of a growing number of COVID-19 patients who are experiencing lingering symptoms weeks and even months after physicians say they are virus-free. In the multidisciplinary program, patients receive a comprehensive in-person evaluation with an expert in infectious diseases or pulmonary medicine who can refer them to a network of specialists including cardiologists, pulmonologists, neurologists, and psychiatrists. Patients can gain access to clinical research trials and contribute to a deeper understanding of the long-term health effects of COVID-19. The Program works closely with The Smidt Heart Institute's Post-COVID-19 Cardiology Program and The Cedars-Sinai Department of Medicine's Post-ICU Clinic.



#### DESPITE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, 2020 BROUGHT IN A HIGHER VOLUME OF PATIENTS SEEKING HEART TRANSPLANTS AT CEDARS-SINAI

Cardiothoracic surgeons at The Smidt Heart Institute performed 128 adult heart transplants in 2020, more than any other center in the United States. In an unprecedented year, Cedars-Sinai clinicians and staff rose to the occasion, improving clinical care and the scientific community alike. From launching a new clinic to treat heart damage in COVID-19 survivors to creating a new center to predict and prevent sudden cardiac arrest, Cedars-Sinai has remained at the forefront of research while offering patients the best in heart care.

The quality outcomes are a direct reflection of Cedars-Sinai's institutional excellence.

## **ABOUT CEDARS-SINAI INTERNATIONAL**

Cedars-Sinai International (CSI) is the global extension of Cedars-Sinai's mission, vision and values, committed to the well-being of the global population. It provides cutting edge and patient-centered care, and engages in sustainable, impactful collaborations that raise the standard of healthcare around the world. Relying on the clinical and non-clinical excellence at Cedars-Sinai, CSI can provide a full spectrum of advisory and hands-on services, helping its partners achieve their strategic goals and thrive in today's ever-changing healthcare environment. CSI's services include but are not limited to training and education, strategic planning, feasibility study, clinical program development, healthcare leadership development, hospital design and development, hospital operations, quality, safety and service excellence, and international accreditation. CSI understands that each organization is unique and facing different challenges. Therefore, CSI works closely with its partners, listens to their needs, formulates the solutions accordingly, and together achieves long-term success.



#### **CELL THERAPIES**

Cedars-Sinai has launched a center to manufacture the next generation of stem cells and gene therapies that will enable biomedical researchers, government medical programs, commercial entities, and others to develop new biologic drugs and propel novel disease discoveries. "The Cedars-Sinai Biomanufacturing Center leverages our world-class stem-cell expertise, which already serves scores of clients, to provide a much-needed biomanufacturing facility in Southern California," said Clive Svendsen, PhD, Executive Director of the Cedars-Sinai Board of Governors Regenerative Medicine Institute. "It is revolutionary by virtue of elevating regenerative medicine and its therapeutic possibilities to an entirely new level—repairing the human body".



## **GLOBAL COLLABORATIONS**

Cedars-Sinai is home to a distinguished team of world-class experts who are setting the bar for medical care globally. Cedars-Sinai first-hand experience in evidence-based practice, clinical excellence, and patient-centered care will help partners design, develop and improve clinical programs, and ultimately create more value for patients and communities. The services offered through the Cedars-Sinai International (CSI) team are as follows:



Cedars-Sinai is amongst the top US hospitals yet one of the youngest, most dynamic, and unique Academic Medical Centers in the world. Cedars-Sinai International's job is to further extend their clinical excellence and reputation globally. The increasing numbers of patients with chronic diseases imposes an enormous financial and societal burden on countries all over the world. As globalization changes nearly every aspect of modern life, patients are traveling to the US for complex clinical care and innovative treatments that are not available in their home countries. Cedars-Sinai would like to capitalize on these trends and develop more international collaborations strategically aligned with its goals to maximize its impact on individual patients, as well as enhance the quality of care across all countries and health systems. The future is bright. Cedars-Sinai believes coordinated international patient care, customized training, education programs for international healthcare professionals, and remote tele-health and tele-education services will help the U.S.-U.A.E. bilateral relationship prosper and expand.

## **LEADERSHIP**

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## **WEBSITES**

INTERNATIONAL PATIENT SERVICES https://cedars-sinai.org/international-patients

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