



# HCA Healthcare: A learning and teaching health system

As a learning and teaching health system, HCA Healthcare collects and analyzes data from our more than 32 million annual patient encounters to develop technologies and best practices that improve patient care in our facilities. In addition to using this knowledge to educate clinicians, we are proud to share our best practices and lessons learned with the larger healthcare community and government agencies to improve care everywhere.

## Graduate Medical Education (GME)

HCA Healthcare Graduate Medical Education is the largest sponsor of residency and fellowship programs across the nation.



**5,100+**  
residents and fellows



**61**  
teaching hospitals



**300+**  
specialty and  
sub-specialty programs

As of July 1, 2021

### Medical education

Our medical education process leads to innovative, real-world patient health solutions and improves medical best practices, research and staffing. Merging the rigor of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) program with high patient touch, our residents and fellows deliver care that demonstrates our mission to care for and improve human life. Our practicing physicians also have the opportunity to teach and become faculty members for our GME program.

We offer National Grand Rounds, a series of webinars that leverages accomplished clinical expertise from across HCA Healthcare and brings the nation's leading medical experts to our residency and fellowship programs.

## Scholarly activity

HCA Healthcare Scholarly Commons is a platform to collect, share and publish a variety of academic work created by our GME community. During 2020, readership eclipsed the 25,000 mark. Included on this platform is the HCA Healthcare Journal of Medicine, a peer-reviewed scientific periodical focused on innovation, enhanced quality and developing new knowledge in clinical care and medical education for the benefit of all patients.



**The HCA Healthcare Journal of Medicine completed its first year of publication in 2020, disseminating 86 articles in six issues and publishing a seventh special-edition issue on the COVID-19 pandemic.**

# Nursing education

With more than 93,000 nurses throughout our organization, HCA Healthcare is one of the largest employers of nurses in the U.S. We are committed to supporting our nurses and providing education and development resources so they can continue to excel.

## Galen College of Nursing

Galen College of Nursing joined the HCA Healthcare family in 2020, bringing together two leading nursing organizations to increase access to education and provide nursing career development opportunities that will positively impact patient care. The collaboration between Galen and HCA Healthcare is the largest academic practice partnership in the United States.

## Nurse Residency Program

In today's environment, the shortage of experienced nurses has resulted in programs designed to prepare new nurse graduates to fill open nursing positions and emerging nurse residency programs competing for new graduate nurses. HCA Healthcare's Nurse Residency Program is designed to support graduate nurses as they transition into the role of a professional nurse.

**93,000+**

**Registered Nurses**

as of Dec. 31, 2020

**8,000+**

**Galen College of  
Nursing students**

**~10,000**

**StaRN students**

Galen and StaRN stats are current as of May 2021

# Training clinicians

**Centers for Clinical Advancement** across the U.S. help nurses and other clinicians feel confident and competent in patient care situations by offering training on best practices and sharing expertise in simulation environments. HCA Healthcare Center for Clinical Advancement colleagues continue to play a critical role in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccination administration.



**More than 170 COVID-19 educational resources were created in 2020 by the HCA Healthcare Center for Clinical Advancement**

**Certified continuing education (CE)** encompasses learning activities steeped in scientific evidence planned by, and for, healthcare professionals. HCA Healthcare is an accredited Joint Provider that awards CE credit to the physician, nurse, pharmacist, psychologist and social worker professions. The primary goal of the CE Providership is to serve and develop knowledge, strategy, and/or performance in the healthcare team, resulting in optimal patient outcomes and community health.

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