Columbus Community Hospital (CCH) is a not-for-profit hospital located in Columbus, Nebraska, dating back to 1879. With the assistance of a donation from John Creighton, the hospital was opened and named St. Mary’s Hospital. At the time, this facility was the first hospital between Omaha and Salt Lake City.

In 1921, a second hospital was established in Columbus by Dr. Carroll D. Evans, Sr., Dr. Evans’s sons and other area physicians. Originally it was named Evans Hospital, but was later purchased and renamed to Columbus Hospital, and subsequently, Lutheran Hospital. In 1964, the name was changed to Behlen Memorial Hospital.

After finding it difficult to support and finance two hospitals, St. Mary’s and Behlen Memorial Hospital merged in April 1972. By 1975, all services were moved to Behlen Memorial Hospital and the name was changed to Columbus Community Hospital.

The first physician tenant moved into Columbus Community Hospital’s adjoining physicians clinic in October 1981. The original structure was filled and an addition was authorized by the end of 1982.

In May 2000, Columbus Community Hospital broke ground on a new health care campus in the northwest section of Columbus. The four story, prairie-style building of 153,000 square feet was opened in August 2002.

The new, attached one-story medical office building opened its doors in September 2002. The 40,000 square foot complex houses local and visiting physicians and the CCH laboratory.

Columbus Community Hospital retained ownership of the physicians clinic located on 19th Street in Columbus. This location houses the medical outreach services of Home Health and Hospice and Occupational Health Services.

**Our Mission** is to improve the health of the communities we serve.
In 2012, a 30,000 square foot addition was added to the 153,000 square foot building. The growing list of health care providers also required a second 32,500 square foot Healthpark Medical Office Building to be built next to the existing 40,000 square foot complex.

Columbus Community Hospital completed construction of the Columbus Wellness Center on adjacent property. The Columbus Wellness Center brings together fitness, wellness and outpatient rehabilitation, including adult and pediatric physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. The YMCA of Columbus was chosen to be the fitness provider because of its strong commitment to health and wellness. Most of the Rehabilitative Services department moved to the Columbus Wellness Center and the pediatric rehabilitation service, Wiggles and Giggles Therapy for Kids™, moved from their off-site location. Both moves to the Columbus Wellness Center allow for easier access, more space and increased convenience for patients. It also provided an opportunity for CCH to offer a second aquatic therapy location. Premier Physical Therapy remains at their offsite location.

The newest facility, the Columbus Community Hospital Child Care Center, opened its doors on August 14, 2017, on the Columbus Community Hospital campus. The CCH Child Care Center added all-new playground equipment, furniture, toys and books to enhance the children’s experience. Available to all hospital employees with additional space for area families, the Columbus Community Hospital Child Care Center added an essential resource for residents in Columbus.

Columbus Community Hospital celebrated 15 years at the current location in August 2017. To commemorate this and Columbus Community Hospital proudly serving the Columbus community since 1879, a video was created showcasing how the hospital began and some of the ways the organization continues to expand today. To watch the video, go to www.columbushosp.org.

Columbus Community Hospital is a member of the Nebraska Hospital Association, American Hospital Association, Vizient Inc. and Heartland Health Alliance.