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UPMC Commits to Strengthening Pittsburgh EMS Through New Five-Year Partnership

UPMC has joined the City of Pittsburgh and community partners in a new five-year funding commitment to strengthen emergency medical services across the region. Building on an earlier investment, UPMC will contribute a total of \$35 million to support EMS vehicles and equipment, helping ensure first responders have the resources needed to deliver timely, life-saving care. This partnership reflects a shared commitment to advancing community health and supporting the professionals who serve on the front lines every day.



UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Expands Rehabilitation Therapies Services in Washington and McMurray

"Through our partnership with UPMC Children's, we are enhancing access to specialized care and bringing even greater resources and expertise to the patients and families we serve locally," said Brook Ward, president, UPMC Washington and UPMC Greene.



Allegheny RiverTrail RecDay with Rep. Mandy Steele

Allegheny RiverTrail RecDay, hosted with State Rep. Mandy Steele, brought together local organizations for a day of outdoor activity and education, where UPMC St. Margaret engaged 200+ attendees with Stop the Bleed training and helped children create 175 first aid kits.

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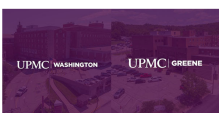


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UPMC Hospital Leaders Highlight UPMC Services Near the Bradford Region

In an imperative Observer Today letter to the editor, UPMC leaders reaffirmed their commitment to accessible, reliable care highlighting the connected network of UPMC hospitals, outpatient services, virtual care, and EMS partnerships to keep care close to home.

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UPMC Muncy, STAT MedEvac Celebrate Start of Critical Care Helicopter Operations

Building on UPMC's regional trauma network and EMS partnerships, the helicopter at UPMC Muncy strengthens rapid, life-saving care during the critical "golden hour," the period following a serious injury or medical emergency when timely intervention can significantly improve outcomes.



Trauma Survivors, Care Teams Reunite at UPMC Williamsport

The gathering highlighted the full continuum of trauma care while celebrating survivor resilience and expanding ongoing support through the Trauma Survivors Network and peer visitation programs.

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Drexel University College of Medicine and UPMC Altoona Establish Regional Medical Campus Collaboration

UPMC Altoona is now serving as a regional medical campus for Drexel University College of Medicine. Twelve third- and fourth-year College of Medicine medical students began their two-year rotation on May 11.

Bringing Health, Wellness, and Community Together at Blair Wellness & Senior Expo

Held at Station Medical Center, the expo connected attendees with local providers and resources, offering health screenings and information on topics ranging from heart health to aging and insurance coverage.

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UPMC Hillman Cancer Center at the Schwab Family Cancer Pavilion opens at UPMC Western Maryland

The opening of the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center at the Schwab Family Cancer Pavilion — supported in part by \$2.75 million in federal funding secured by Senators Chris Van Hollen and Angela Alsobrooks — expands access to advanced, research-driven cancer care in Cumberland. The center connects patients to world-class specialists, innovative treatments, and a robust pipeline of clinical trials through UPMC's nationally recognized network, while leveraging collaboration across more than 200 oncology experts and new investments in cutting-edge technology.

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UPMC continues to advocate for policies that protect and strengthen the federal 340B program. The program helps providers expand access to care for vulnerable and underserved patients across Pennsylvania.

In communities where hospitals and clinics are managing significant Medicaid shortfalls, workforce challenges, and growing rural health needs, 340B enables providers to reinvest manufacturer discounts into critical services including behavioral health, specialty care, pharmacy access, and community-based care programs.

UPMC's Government Affairs team is actively engaging policymakers on legislation aimed at preserving patient access, particularly in rural and medically underserved areas where these resources play a vital role in sustaining local care delivery.



Advocacy in Action



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UPMC's Elizabeth Ritter Spoke at HAP's 2026 Leadership Summit: Connect, Learn, Celebrate

The event brought together health care leaders to connect, share insights, and explore strategies that advance operational excellence, patient outcomes, and sustainable growth.

"When we bring our communities and our leaders together outside of our individual organizations, we find out we have so many shared challenges," Ritter says. "This gives us space to have open dialogue to problem solve together and bring our regions closer to solutions."

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UPMC Children's Physicians Advocate for School Water Safety Legislation Backed by Sen. Devlin Robinson

UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh physicians Deborah Moss, MD, and Amy Nevin, MD, spoke before the Pennsylvania Senate Sustainability and Innovation Committee in support of SB 759, which is legislation sponsored by Senator Devlin Robinson to enhance the safety of drinking water safety in schools.

[Learn more](#)



From Pittsburgh to Capitol Hill: A Family's Story Driving Change

At Children's Hospital Association's Family Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C., Noah Robbins and his family met with Sen. Dave McCormick, Sen. John Fetterman, and Rep. John Joyce to share their experience at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Noah's story brought a powerful, personal perspective to conversations on Capitol Hill, highlighting the critical role of world-class pediatric care, innovation, and expertise here in Pennsylvania.



Supporting Our Communities, Every Day

[UPMC Expands Breast Cancer Vaccine Clinical Trial to Central Pa.](#)

UPMC is bringing a first-of-its-kind clinical trial to central Pennsylvania to study a vaccine designed to help prevent breast cancer, building on decades of research by Pitt immunologist Olivera Finn.

[UPMC First in Central Pa. to Treat Severe Peripheral Artery Disease with New Minimally Invasive Treatment](#)

This milestone expands treatment options for patients with complex leg artery blockages, offering a highly selective option for those with no other surgical alternatives.

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