

BELL MEDICAL CENTER HISTORY

Bell Medical Center, the corporation, was started in August 1976.

The first physicians of BMC included Dr. Lloyd Hooper who joined the staff on August 1, 1990 and on January 21, 1991 Dr. Terry Hayrynen joined him.

In October 1994, Bell Hospital purchased Twin Cities Medical Clinic located at 829 Croix Street in Negaunee (the current U. P. Home Health building). The Twin Cities providers at this time included: Dr. William Humphrey, Dr. Michael Grossman, Dr. Wayne Carlson and Georgia Summers FNP-BC.

In February 1995, Dr. Martinus Lexmond and William Thomas, PA-C of The Williams Clinic combined offices with Dr. Lloyd Hooper and Dr. Terry Hayrynen to create Ishpeming Medical Center. Original physicians of The Williams Clinic included Dr. Williams, Dr. Rosenbaum, Dr. Lexmond and Dr. Schroeder. Ishpeming Medical Center was located at 524 Mather Avenue in Ishpeming's Eighth Addition.

In April 1997, Bell Medical acquired Bell Behavioral Services, formerly Martin Psychological. On May 1, 2009 BBS transitioned its current operation to Great Lakes Recovery Centers.

May of 1997 saw the groundbreaking for the Teal Lake Medical Center. Teal Lake Medical Center, a \$3.8 million dollar investment, was Bell Hospital's largest expansion project in fifteen years. Teal Lake Medical Center originally housed: Ishpeming Medical Center, Twin Cities Medical Clinic, Bell Memorial Diagnostic Lab and Radiology and Bell Memorial Physical and Occupational Therapy. Tenants included the Office of Kurt Lehmann, M.D. and Upper Peninsula Eye Specialists.

The late 1990's saw the addition of the offices of Tobin/Shepherd/Irish (currently Dr. Prevost/Tony Lackey), the Family Hearing Center and Internal Medicine. Additions made in the new century include Bell Medical Pediatrics, General Surgery, Urology, Orthopedics, Upper Great Lakes Vascular and the Walk-in Clinic. Corporate Wellness as well as Occupational Medicine was transferred from Bell Hospital to Bell Medical as of July 1, 2009.

In October 2008, several clinics moved into "Main Street" at the new Bell Hospital Facility. These clinics include: Urology, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Superior Women's Care and Upper Great Lakes Vascular. The Cliffs Health Center opened at the new facility in January of 2009. The latest addition to the Bell Medical staff is Dr. James Lovell, Gynecologist, whose office is located in the General Surgery suite.

The Teal Lake Campus is still home to Ishpeming Medical Center and Twin Cities Medical Clinic. The office of Dr. Prevost/Tony Lackey, Family Hearing Center, Otolaryngology, Occupational Medicine and the Walk-in Clinic are also located there.

To date, Bell Medical Center has 35 providers.

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