



# Critical Access Hospital Profile

## Spotlight on: Oakes, North Dakota



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### Quick Facts

**Administrator:**

Becki Thompson

**Chief of Medical Staff:**

Tara Mertz-Hack, MD

**Board Chair:**

Lorraine Ptacek

**City Population:**

2,129 (2019 estimate)<sup>1</sup>

**County Population:**

4,872 (2019 estimate)<sup>1</sup>

**County Median Household Income:**

65,492 (2019 estimate)<sup>1</sup>

**County Median Age:**

41.9 years (2019 estimate)<sup>1</sup>

**Service Area Population:**

14,000

**Owned by:** Nonprofit**Hospital Beds:** 20**Trauma Level:** V**Critical Access Hospital Designation:** 2001**Economic Impact on the Community<sup>2</sup>****Jobs:**

Primary – 79

Secondary – 33

Total – 112

**Financial Impact:**

Primary – \$4.19 million

Secondary – \$717,000

Total – \$4.87 million

### Mission

As CommonSpirit Health, we make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all.

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### Core Values

- Compassion
- Inclusion
- Integrity
- Excellence
- Collaboration

CHI Oakes Hospital is a not-for profit, 20-bed Critical Access Hospital, sponsored by CommonSpirit Health, providing selected health care services. As a provider of community based, family oriented healthcare, CHI Oakes Hospital believes it can best maintain this level of service through a customer focus, where we continually strive to understand and exceed the expectations of our customers. This focus is enabled through effective communication systems, staff education, team building, process improvement, work redesign and an empowered work force.

### Services

CHI Oakes Hospital provides the following services directly:

- Rural Health Clinic
- Emergency care
- Pain management
- Chemotherapy
- Surgical (General/Laparoscopic, Colonoscopy, and Endoscopy)
- Swing bed
- SANE provider
- Respiratory therapy
- Physical therapy
- Radiology (General imaging, CT scan, Ultrasound/Echo-cardiogram, Mammography)
- Clinical lab (Chemistry, Hematology, Blood Banking, Microbiology)
- Stress testing
- Department of Transportation (DOT) testing
- Health care directives
- Notary public

## Staffing

Physicians:	1
Nurse Practitioners:	2
PAs:	4
RNs:	28
LPNs:	3
Total Employees:	86

## Local Sponsors and Grant Funding Sources

- Center for Rural Health
  - SHIP Grant (Small Hospital Improvement Program)
  - Flex Grant (Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program)
- CHI Oaks Hospital is supported by a variety of local and national sponsors.

## Sources

<sup>1</sup> US Census Bureau; American Factfinder; Community Facts

<sup>2</sup> Economic Impact 2020 Center for Rural Health Oklahoma State University and Center for Rural Health University of North Dakota



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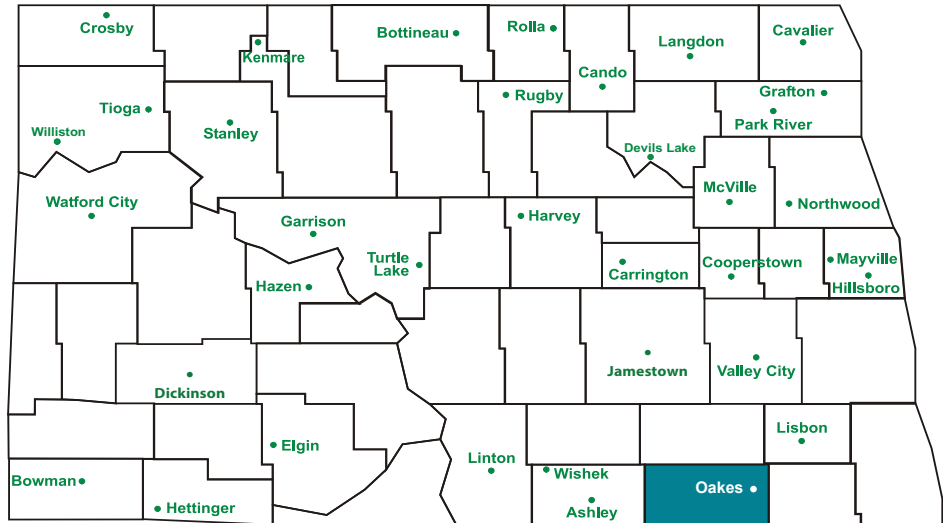
[ruralhealth.und.edu](http://ruralhealth.und.edu)

## List of Contract/Agreement Services

CHI Oaks Hospital provides the following services through contract or agreement:

- Podiatry
- Sleep medicine
- Interpretive services
- Audiology
- Orthopedics

## North Dakota Critical Access Hospitals



## History

In 1923, the Benedictine Sisters of Manitoba, Canada bought the residence of Mr. W.T. Noonan, the President of the North American Creameries, and established St. Anthony's Hospital. In 1937, the Sisters of Mercy of Valley City took over the hospital and named it Mercy Hospital. On September 22, 1950 the first Franciscan Sisters took over the operation of the hospital and named it St. Joseph's Hospital. In 1954 plans were made and construction began on Oakes Community Hospital with completion of the 36-bed hospital on October 14, 1956. In 1972, space was once again needed and an addition was built. Dedication of a new wing housing the laboratory, CT scanner, emergency rooms, outpatient services and lobby took place May 1, 1994.

In 2001, Oakes Community Hospital converted to a Critical Access Hospital with state certification. Recognizing the importance of maintaining holistic care, as well as the changes of healthcare in today's world, the Sisters of St. Francis transferred the sponsorship of the hospital to Catholic Health Initiatives. In 2005, Catholic Health Initiatives announced that it would help the community build a new facility. The blessing of the site and ground breaking celebration was held on August 16, 2006. A clinic within the CHI Oakes Hospital building was opened in 2010. Dr Katie O'Brien-Paradis joined the Medical Staff in 2011. To better identify with being part of the strong healthcare system of Catholic Health Initiatives, the hospital's name was changed in 2014 to CHI Oakes Hospital. In early 2019, Catholic Health Initiatives and Dignity Health aligned to form CommonSpirit Health, with facilities in 21 states. The CHI Oakes Hospital is also served by physicians and allied health professional staff from the Sanford Clinic - Oakes.

## Recreation

Oakes is located in the southeast corner of North Dakota. Oakes is a very beautiful town with friendly people. The community is accessible by three highways, two railways and a municipal airport. An excellent school system is available with many opportunities in the area of sports, music, etc. A progressive, full-service, four-season community offers a plethora of activities for young and old. Oakes is the business, medical and service hub for the surrounding region. Our medical facilities are like none other in rural North Dakota, with a well established clinic and new hospital facility.