



Critical Access Hospital Profile Spotlight on: Cando, North Dakota

Towner County Medical Center

Administrator:

Ben Bucher, FNP-BC, MBA,
LNHA

Chief of Medical Staff:

Anil Potti, MD

Board Chair:

Tom Belzer

City Population:

1,083 (2019 estimate)*

County Population:

2,189 (2019 estimate)*

County Median**Household Income:**

\$52,300 (2019 estimate)*

County Median Age:

47.6 years (2019 estimate)*

Owned by:

Private, Non-Profit

**Critical Access Hospital
with Rural Health Clinic:**

8 Beds

Skilled Nursing Facility:

30 beds

Basic Care:

5 beds

Independent Living:

10 rooms

Trauma Level: V**Critical Access Hospital
Designation: 2007**

Mission

Towner County Medical Center (TCMC) provides: total quality comprehensive healthcare; caring and compassionate health services for patients, residents, families and healthcare workers; medical care for all life stages delivered by a professional and expert healthcare team, and a commitment to our communities to maintain and ensure the ongoing provision of quality health services.

County: Towner**Address: PO Box 688****Cando, ND 58324****Phone: (701) 968-4411 or Toll-free (800) 943-3337****Fax: (701) 968-2574****Web: www.tcmedcenter.org**

Towner County Medical Center has many services available including inpatient and outpatient hospital care, long term care, clinical services, retirement housing, and child care.

Our specialty is you...

Our staff of practitioners specialize in family practice, gynecology, pediatrics, and geriatrics.

The Cando Clinic offers robust family practice, and a full array of medical experts uniquely qualified to diagnose and treat you and your family for a broad spectrum of illnesses. When it is necessary, they will not hesitate to consult with or refer you to a sub-specialist.

We offer a hometown friendly atmosphere. We know our patients by name and many are our neighbors and friends. The medical center combines medical expertise with careful attention to each individual patient. This combination results in our thorough yet personal approach to medical diagnosis and treatment.

Services

Towner County Medical Center provides the following services directly:

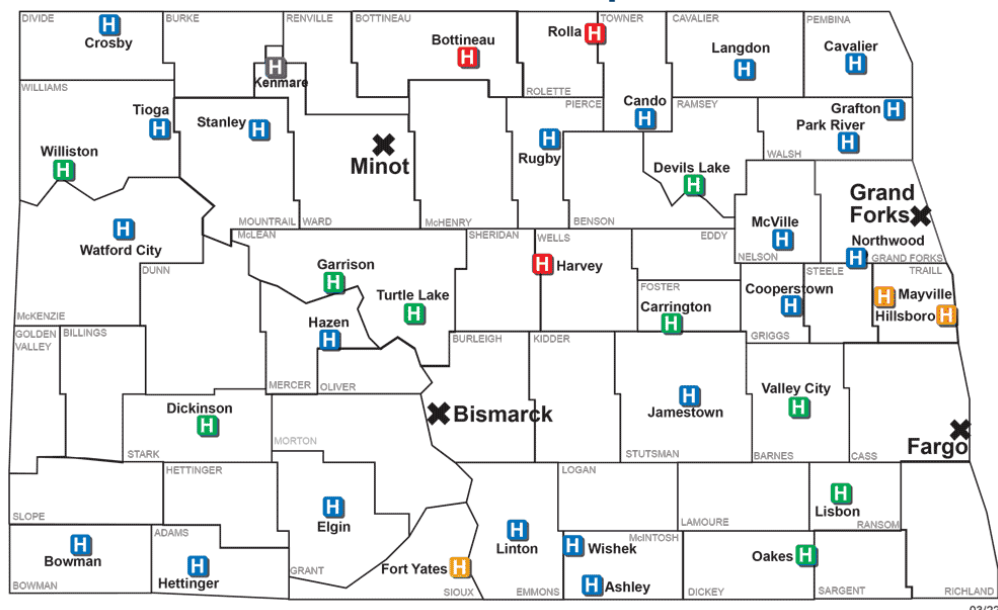
- Chiropractic
- Outpatient
- Laboratory
- Podiatry
- Independent senior housing
- Physical therapy
- Inpatient
- Advanced radiology
- Skilled nursing
- Swing bed
- Daycare
- Nutritional services
- Endoscopy
- Surgery
- Basic care
- Massage therapy
- Pediatrics
- Ophthalmology
- Telemedicine
- Oncology
- Occupational therapy
- 3D mammography

Towner County Medical Center provides the following services through contract or agreement:

- Cardiology
- Orthopedics
- Oncology
- Occupational therapy

**Source: US Census Bureau; 2010
Profile of General and Housing
Characteristics*

North Dakota Critical Access Hospitals



Hospital Ownership

Independently owned	Sisters of Mary of the Presentation Health System
CommonSpirit Health	Trinity
Sanford Health	Indian Health Services

History

Towner County Memorial Hospital (TCMH) was first constructed on land donated by Phil and Julianne Belzer. The people of Towner County and the Order of the Sisters of St. Francis raised the needed funds to build the original 26-bed hospital. A few years later, a new chapel and chaplain's suite was completed. The size of the hospital nearly doubled in 1968 with an addition that included new patient rooms, an ambulance garage and emergency room, a new laboratory, and a radiology room.

The ownership and direction of the hospital changed in 1992 when the citizens of Towner County pulled together to ensure continued access to healthcare. On May 11, 1995, a groundbreaking ceremony was held to meet new regulations on handicapped accessibility. Construction began on land donated by the Terry and Babe Belzer Family that included a medical clinic, dental clinic, emergency room, X-ray suite, physical therapy room, nursing station, a drive through emergency garage, laboratory, medical records, and birthing room. In addition to the construction, the existing facilities were renovated, creating a medical center that met and exceeded all the standards in the industry at the time. In 2024, Towner County Medical Center and Towner County Living Center underwent a project to build a completely new facility. In order to make room for the new medical center campus, an agreement was made with NorthStar school to renovate the existing Track and Field Complex to create room for the new medical center campus. With the generosity of three generations of the Belzer family's donation of land, for the initial hospital, the 1995 addition/renovation, and the 2024 new build, this new facility brings the nursing home and medical center together to better serve our patients for decades to come.

Special thanks to the patients of Towner County Medical Center for your loyalty to local services and for allowing us the opportunity to meet your healthcare needs today and into the future.

Recreation

Cando, located in northeastern North Dakota, is the county seat of the largest durum wheat-producing county in the world. Access to major cities is within a reasonable driving distance of Cando. Winnipeg, Manitoba, is just three hours away, while access to major shopping and medical facilities in North Dakota is within 40 miles. The Cando public school system prepares students for vocational and post secondary training. Adult education courses are also offered. Numerous recreational activities are available for residents of Cando with its city parks, participatory and observational sports, athletic fields, swimming pool, and golf course. Some of the state's best fishing can be found within 40 miles, and the area is abundant with waterfowl, geese, and deer.

Staff

Physicians: 1
Nurse Practitioners: 4
PAs: 2
RNs: 20
LPNs: 13
Total Employees: 104

Local Sponsors and Grant Funding Source

Center for Rural Health,
SHIP Grant (Small Hospital
Improvement Program)



Center for Rural Health
University of North Dakota
School of Medicine & Health Sciences

ruralhealth.und.edu

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