



# Critical Access Hospital Profile Spotlight on: Oakes, North Dakota

## CHI Oakes Hospital

**Administrator:**

Becki Thompson

**Chief of Medical Staff:**

Tara Mertz-Hack, MD

**Board Chair:**

Danielle Siverhus-Dinger

**City Population:**

2,046 (2024 estimate)

**County Population:**

4,900 (2024 estimate)

**County Median****Household Income:**

\$63,125 (2019-2023)\*

**County Median Age:**

38.6 (2024 estimate)\*

**Service Area Population:**

14,000

**Owned by:**

Nonprofit

**Hospital Beds:**

20 beds

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

**Designation:** 2001

### 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.

**County: Dickey**

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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 healthcare 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:**

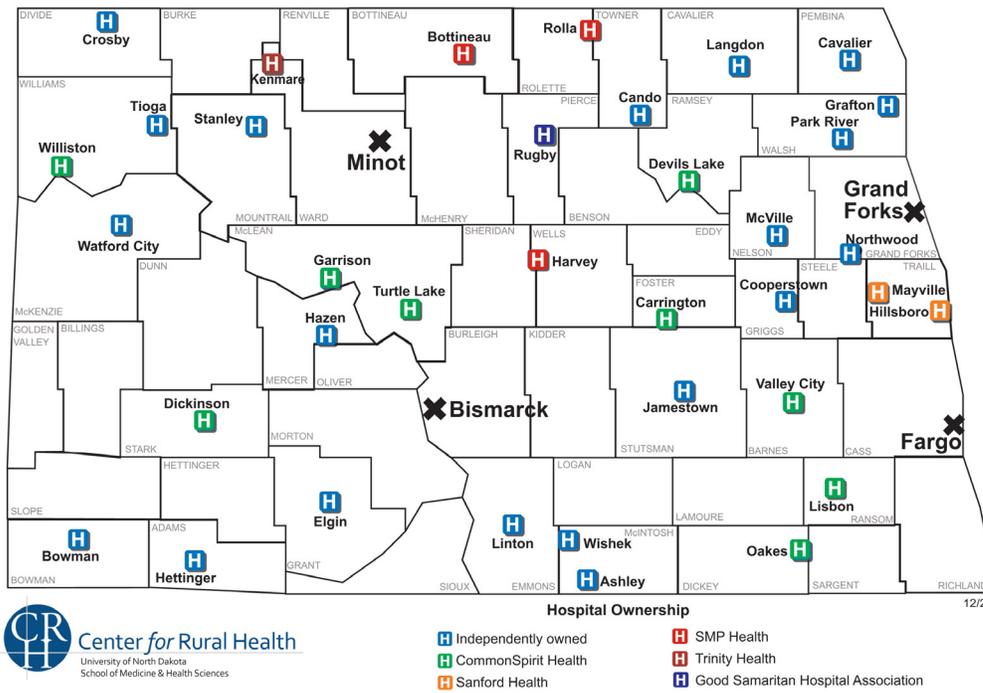
- Rural Health Clinic
- Emergency care
- Pain management
- Chemotherapy
- Surgical (general/laparoscopic, colonoscopy, and endoscopy)
- Swing bed
- SANE provider
- Physical therapy
- Radiology (general imaging, CT scan, ultrasound/echo-cardiogram, 3D mammography)
- Clinical lab (chemistry, hematology, blood banking, microbiology)
- Occupational therapy
- Department of Transportation (DOT) testing
- Health care directives
- Notary public

**CHI Oakes Hospital provides the following services through contract or agreement:**

- CHI E-Hospitalist Program
- Sleep medicine
- Orthopedics
- Interpretive services

\*Source: US Census Bureau; American Factfinder; Community Facts

# 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. CHI Oakes Hospital is also served by physicians and allied health professional staff from the Sanford Clinic - Oakes the CHI E-Hospitalist Program.

## 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. CHI Oakes Hospital is also served by physicians and allied health professionals from Sanford Clinic - Oakes and the CHI E-Hospitalist Program.

## Staff

Physicians: 1  
 PAs: 3  
 NPs: 3  
 RNs: 24  
 LPNs: 5  
 Total Employees: 75

## Local Sponsors and Grant Funding Source

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

Flex Grand (Medicare Rural  
 Hospital Flexibility Grand  
 Program)

CHI Oakes Hospital is  
 supported by a variety of local  
 and national sponsors.



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