


# UConn health center

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## New Urban Service Track

**T**he schools of nursing, pharmacy, medicine and dental medicine are collaborating on an urban service track to ease the shortage of health care workers and unmet health needs of urban communities.

Three to four individuals from each school will participate in the program, which will provide mentoring, training and financial support to help them practice and succeed in urban communities.

“Nursing students will work with medical, dental and pharmacy students in health care teams. When health care is delivered in a collaborative fashion, patient outcomes are better,” says Carol Polifroni, interim dean of the School of Nursing.

Financial support for the Urban Service Track is provided by UConn’s Center for Public and Health Policy, and the Connecticut Area Health Education Center Program; and grants from the Universal Health Foundation of Connecticut, the Richard Davoud Donchian Foundation and the American Savings Foundation.



CAROL POLIFRONI



## We’re Tops!

**U**Conn Health Center was named one of the nation’s top 100 hospitals, one of only 15 hospitals nationwide recognized in the major teaching hospital category, by Solucient, a leading health care information company that conducts the study annually.

The study is considered one of the hospital industry’s most prestigious awards. It uses a scorecard based on objective statistical measurement of performance in critical areas, including clinical outcomes, patient safety, operational efficiency and growth in patient volume. Winning hospitals display an ability to provide sustainable and reliable health care services to their communities.

“This honor reflects the extraordinary hard work and commitment of our physicians, nurses and other medical staff to be the very best when it comes to patient care, quality and medical innovation,” says Peter J. Deckers, M.D., executive vice president for health affairs and dean of the UConn School of Medicine.

This is the third-consecutive year the UConn Health Center has been recognized by Solucient. During the previous two years, the Health Center was named a Top 100 Performance Leader. That award recognizes senior management teams who have led their organizations to achieve the fastest rate of consistent annual improvement.

According to Solucient’s key findings, if all inpatients received the same level of care as those in the top 100 hospitals, there would be:

- higher survival rates,
- fewer complications,
- money saved in health care costs, and
- patients would go home faster.

Information on the study is available at [www.100tophospitals.com](http://www.100tophospitals.com).

## CHARTING OUR COURSE

### Medicaid Days as a Percentage of Total Inpatient Days

Connecticut Hospitals 2006



Source: Connecticut Hospital Association