

# **WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER**

## **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

### **LOCATION**

Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) is located at three different sites. The Main Post of WRAMC is located in a residential area of Northwest Washington, DC between Rock Creek Park and Georgia Avenue near the Maryland – DC boundary. The Forest Glen section of WRAMC is in Silver Spring, MD, approximately four miles north of the Main Post. The Glen Haven section of WRAMC is also in Silver Spring, MD, located approximately eight miles northeast of the Main Post. WRAMC is subject to all four seasons of the year.

### **SIZE**

**Acres:** 298

**Square Footage of Buildings:** 6,712,277 SF

**Plant Replacement Value:** \$1,715,258,000

### **HISTORY**

Congressional legislation authorized construction of the Walter Reed General Hospital, and in 1909, the new facility admitted its first patients. World War I saw the hospital's capacity grow from 80 patient beds to 2,500 in a matter of months. Through World War II, Korea and Vietnam, the facility treated hundreds of thousands of soldiers. In 1972, groundbreaking ceremonies took place for a new Walter Reed medical facility. In 1977, the structure was dedicated. In 1994, the building was rededicated and was named the Heaton Pavilion. Today, WRAMC continues to serve the military community from the Washington area and around the world. WRAMC supports the Department of Defense in wartime, both by caring for ill or injured service members who are evacuated to the medical center for specialty treatment and by sending its own staff members into harm's way. WRAMC soldiers deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, staffing a variety of combat support hospitals in Iraq and Kuwait. Additional soldiers from the Walter Reed Health Care System deployed in late 2002 to the ongoing military operations in Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom. To fill vacancies WRAMC staff members created at the medical center when they deployed, the Army mobilized Army Reservists onto active duty and assigned them to work at the medical center. Meanwhile, the hospital staff began caring for service members from both theaters of war operations shortly after combat began. By late 2003, WRAMC had treated more than 2,000 ill or injured patients from both operations, including more than 360 whose wounds or injuries were a result of enemy action.

### **MISSIONS**

The mission of WRAMC is to provide every patient with the finest in personalized health care service. WRAMC is a monument to a long tradition of patient care, medical research, and educational development. It is a tribute to the vision, intelligence, and dedication of the

men and women who have worked here through the years. WRAMC offers the best in medical training and research programs and work together in the spirit of cooperation toward our common goal of service to humanity through the advancement of medicine. WRAMC works together in the tradition, which marked the man, whose name graces the largest and best-known military medical center in the world. Military physicians who are nationally recognized for their skill, training and experience lead WRAMC departments and services. WRAMC is a gateway to the world for medical care. Heads of state and senior government officials of the United States and many foreign nations are among the patients. Every aspect of the hospital's day-to-day operations has been designed with the patient's welfare and comfort in mind. Teams of registered nurses and paraprofessionals provide each patient with individual attention from admission to discharge. Levels of care at WRAMC range from surgical, medical, and pediatric intensive care units; through acute-care wards and rehabilitation units; to ambulatory surgery and a short stay ward for patients who need less than 24 hours of hospitalization. In WRAMC operating rooms, surgical teams perform about 650 operations each month, from routine same-day cases to open-heart surgery, organ transplants, total joint replacements, and artery and vein repairs. WRAMC central pharmacy provides outpatient and inpatient medications with each dose prepared, packaged and labeled separately. WRAMC clinics provide treatment for active-duty service members, family members, retirees and their family members.

**MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS**

Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR)  
 Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP)  
 Naval Medical Research Center (NMRC)

**POPULATION**

	<b>Authorized</b>
Military	2,653
Civilian	2,857
Contractor	993
Student	234
Other	306
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,043</b>