

History

The Polyclinic was founded in 1917 by H.J. Davidson, a general surgeon. He was joined by his brother, C.F. Davidson, a general practitioner specializing in adolescent endocrinology, and four other physicians – another surgeon, a urologist, a general practitioner with radiology training, and a general practitioner with an interest in obstetrics and gynecology. They opened a small clinic in the original American Bank Building at the corner of 2nd and Madison downtown. The six-physician group practiced independently but enjoyed a built-in network of referrals, and shared services and expenses.

Although three of the original founding physicians died in the mid 40's, the group continued bringing on new members as older members retired or moved. The group continued to grow over the next 40 years, and built the foundation for what The Polyclinic is today.

In 1965, The Polyclinic moved to First Hill, the heart of Seattle's medical community. After hiring the clinic's first administrator in 1970, the organization began a period of significant growth, purchasing surrounding property and adding eight specialties including allergy, dermatology, gastroenterology, neurology, orthopedics, plastic surgery, pulmonary medicine, and urology, as well as establishing a Breast Center and an outpatient Surgery Center in 1989.

Throughout the next two decades, The Polyclinic expanded into leased space in buildings across First Hill, including the 1001 Broadway Building, and added four satellite locations: The Polyclinic Downtown, The Polyclinic Pediatrics, The Polyclinic OB/GYN & Ophthalmology, and The Polyclinic at Northwest Outpatient Medical Center. Then in 2007, a prominent local family practice group joined The Polyclinic. Today The Polyclinic has approximately 200 physicians in 22 specialties at a dozen locations in and around Seattle.

In 2010, The Polyclinic decided to consolidate many of its physician offices on First Hill and leased a new 9-story, 205,000-square-foot office building just east of I-5 at the corner of 7th and Madison. By spring of 2012, more than 120 physician practices and clinicians moved into the flagship, multispecialty clinic location.

In 2012, through a voluntary program sponsored by the Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services (CMS), The Polyclinic was the first medical group in Washington State to be approved as a Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organization. The program enables The Polyclinic to provide Medicare patients with high quality health care services while reducing the overall cost of care through enhanced care coordination.

The Polyclinic continues to stay true to its independent roots while maintaining strong partnerships with area hospitals including Swedish Medical Center, Seattle Children's, Virginia Mason and others.

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