

# MISSION STATEMENT

Harborview Medical Center is owned by King County, governed by the Harborview Board of Trustees, and managed under contract by the University of Washington.

Harborview Medical Center is a comprehensive healthcare facility dedicated to the control of illness and the promotion and restoration of health. Its primary mission is to provide healthcare for the most vulnerable residents of King County; to provide and teach exemplary patient care; to provide care for a broad spectrum of patients from throughout the region; and to develop and maintain leading – edge centers of emphasis. As the only Level I Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center in Washington, Harborview Medical Center Provides specialized comprehensive emergency services to patients throughout the region, and serves as the disaster preparedness and disaster control hospital for Seattle and King County.

The following groups of patients and programs will be given priority for care:

Persons who are non-English speaking poor

Persons who are uninsured or underinsured

Persons who experience domestic violence

Persons who experience sexual assault

Persons incarcerated in King County's Jails

Persons with mental illness, particularly those treated involuntarily

Persons with substance abuse

Persons with sexually transmitted diseases

Persons who require specialized emergency care

Persons who require trauma care

Persons who require burn care

Harborview's patient care mission is accomplished by assuming and maintaining a strong leadership position in the Pacific Northwest and the local community. This leadership role is nurtured through the delivery of health services of the highest quality to all of its patients and through effective use of its resources as determined by the Harborview Board of Trustees.

Harborview, in cooperation with UW Medicine, plans and coordinates with Public Health Seattle and King County, other County agencies, community providers, and area hospitals, to provide programs and services.

Harborview fulfills its educational mission through commitment to the support of undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate and continuing education programs of the health professions of the University of Washington and other educational institutions, as well as programs relating to patient education.

Harborview recognizes that the delivery of the highest quality of healthcare is enhanced by a strong commitment to teaching, community service and research.