Magee - Women's Hospital, located in the city, is solely dedicated to and specializes in women's health services. This dedication has provided Magee with the second highest number of births per year in the U.S. A Los Angeles, CA hospital is first. Magee also has an active neonatal intensive care program. Other neonatal intensive care programs is the area include: Children's Hospital, The Western Pennsylvania Hospital, and Allegheny General Hospital.

There are three state certified trauma centers in SWPA. They are: Allegheny General Hospital (AGH), Mercy Hospital, and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). The trauma designation requires exceptional levels of staffing, credentialing and expertise which comes with a financial price to the facilities. These facilities naturally attract the worst cases, which may require longer, more complicated lengths of stay.

There are two burn units located within the City of Pittsburgh. One is at Mercy Hospital, and the other, larger unit is at The Western Pennsylvania Hospital.

Several large hospitals perform various organ transplants. AGH performs bone marrow, renal, and to a lesser degree, heart and pancreatic transplants. The Western Pennsylvania Hospital performs bone marrow transplants. UPMC, while most noted for liver transplant surgery, regularly performs heart, heart/lung, bone marrow, lung, small bowel, renal, and pancreatic transplants.

The St. Francis Health System is a Catholic owned system. The primary facility is the 500+ bed, St. Francis Hospital located in the City of Pittsburgh. In addition, the system is comprised of two smaller satellite hospitals, a physical medicine/rehabilitation facility, psychiatric and chemical dependency units, and skilled nursing facilities. There are 1,415 licensed beds in the St. Francis Health System.

The Pittsburgh Mercy Health System is comprised of a 500+ bed acute care hospital, The Mercy Hospital, located in Pittsburgh. A much smaller hospital, retirement facility and satellite facilities complete the Mercy Health System. There are 1,036 licensed beds in this system.

The Forbes Health System is comprised of the 300 bed Forbes Regional Hospital located in Allegheny County, Forbes Metropolitan, a subacute center, and smaller satellite facilities, including a skilled facility and an inpatient hospice. There are 792 licensed beds in the Forbes System.

The South Hills Health System is located throughout Allegheny County. The inpatient, acute facility is the 392 bed Jefferson Hospital. The system is comprised of two emergency departments, a skilled nursing facility, a home health agency, a family medical center and a counseling center.