

THE MEXICAN OPEN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, 1992

	SS	IMSS	DDF
People covered	27,900,000	10,900,000	3,200,000
Primary care facilities	6,790	3,316	106
General hospitals	178	54	14
Specialized hospitals	49	-	17
Total number of medical units	7,017	3,370	137
Hospital beds (excludes day beds)	23,566	1,576	2,097
Medical doctors	29,529	4,615	2,446
Paramedics	45,996	6,187	3,195
Nursing staff	43,381	6,026	3,160

Source: Recursos y Servicios - Sistema Nacional de Salud, Boletín de Información Estadística, Número 12, 1992, pg. 76.

SS - Secretaría de Salud, Secretariat of Health

IMSS - Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social, Mexican Institute for Social Security

DDF - Departamento del Distrito Federal, Department of the Federal District

The *Secretaría de Salud* (SS), Secretariat of Health, also has responsibility for the *Institutos Especializados*, Specialized Institutes (see box). These institutions are clustered around Mexico City and serve as both hospitals and teaching institutes. Their research function is highly respected and they are regarded as having some of the best specialists and the highest quality equipment in the country. The institutes are funded mainly by the SS, but are managed by their own Boards of Directors. They raise additional funds from such sources as the *Fundación Mexicana para la Salud* (FUNSALUD), Mexican Health Fund, and the Rotary Club. Patients who receive care from the institutes are requested to pay, according to their means. The institutes also charge user fees for testing equipment for suppliers.

INSTITUTOS ESPECIALIZADOS

(Under the direction of the *Secretaría de Salud* (SS), Secretariat of Health)

<i>Instituto Mexicano de Psiquiatría (IMP)</i>	Mexican Institute of Psychiatry
<i>Instituto Nacional de Cancerología</i>	National Institute of Cancer
<i>Instituto Nacional de Cardiología</i>	National Institute of Cardiology
<i>Instituto Nacional de Diagnóstico y Referencia Epidemiológicas</i>	National Institute of Epidemiology
<i>Instituto Nacional de Enfermedades Respiratorias (INER)</i>	National Institute of Respiratory Diseases
<i>Instituto Nacional de Medicina y Rehabilitación</i>	National Institute of Medicine and Rehabilitation
<i>Instituto Nacional de Neurología y Neurocirugía</i>	National Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery
<i>Instituto Nacional de Nutrición</i>	National Institute of Nutrition
<i>Instituto Nacional de Ortopedia (INO)</i>	National Institute of Orthopaedics
<i>Instituto Nacional de Pediatría</i>	National Institute of Pediatrics
<i>Instituto Nacional de Perinatología</i>	National Institute of Neonatology
<i>Instituto Nacional de Salud Mental</i>	National Institute for Mental Health

