The Growth of Hospitals in Troy

"For the relief of suffering, correction of deformity, and restoration to the ranks of the bread-winners."
— Dr. Everard Ferguson, First Chairman, Samaritan Hospital, 1898

In 1896, when Samaritan Hospital's papers of incorporation were signed, Troy stood as a bustling industrial city of more than 60,000 people, with more than 8,000 women working in the collar industry alone. Three hospitals were already established, the Troy Hospital located at the head of Fulton Street at 8th Street, Leonard Hospital at 114th Street and 6th Avenue in Lansingburgh, and the Marshall Sanitarium on Linden Avenue. While all three institutions served the growing city, there was a need for a fourth hospital. A group of Troy businessman organized to form Samaritan Hospital. Since that time Samaritan has grown from its original home on 8th Street to its current campus on Burdett Avenue bordering the east side of Beman Park. Samaritan has been at the forefront of delivering quality health care to the citizens of Troy and the Capital Region.

1848 The cornerstone is laid for Troy Hospital on the corner of Washington and 5th streets. The hospital was created for the thousands of Irish Catholic immigrants who settled in Troy after the Potato Famine forced them to leave Ireland.

1850 Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul assume responsibility for running the Troy Hospital.

1857 The Troy Hospital can accommodate 54 patients at a charge of $1.50 to $2 per week for immigrants.

1871 The Troy Hospital relocates to 8th Street at the head of Fulton Street.

1893 Leonard Hospital opens in the old Village of Lansingburgh at the former home of Dr. Frederick B. Leonard at 114th Street and 6th Avenue.

1894 The Troy Hospital establishes a Nurses Training School.

July 14, 1896 Incorporation papers are signed for Samaritan Hospital.

1897 The Women Board of Managers is established for the daily running of Samaritan Hospital, and the Auxiliary Board is incorporated as its fundraising arm.

1898 The Samaritan Training School for Nurses is established.

September 12, 1898 Samaritan Hospital officially opens on 8th Street in the former Troy Orphan Asylum under the direction of Dr. Everard Ferguson. Its first patients are three soldiers returning home from the Spanish-American War.

1907 The Women's Auxiliary of the Troy Hospital is founded.

1911 The Leonard Hospital School of Nursing opens in a remodeled barn on the hospital grounds.

1913 Construction begins on Samaritan Hospital's new pavilion-style hospital, designed by noted architect George B. Post of New York City, located at the east end of Beman Park in Troy.

September 21, 1914 Samaritan Hospital opens at its current location.

September 29, 1914 The new Troy Hospital relocates to the east side of Oakwood Avenue.

1925 Eddy Memorial Foundation is established by Mrs. Elizabeth Hart Shields Eddy. A $200,000 gift is given to Samaritan Hospital for a building dedicated for the care of chronically ill women.

1943 Leonard Hospital expands to 150 beds, four operating rooms, two delivery rooms, and a laboratory.

1949 A certificate of name change is filed to change the name of the Troy Hospital to St. Mary's Hospital.

1963 St. Mary's Hospital launches a $1.5 million expansion project which includes the relocation of the main entrance from Oakwood Avenue to Massachusetts Avenue.

1963 Samaritan Hospital expands, adding a new 40-bed pediatric unit and 40-bed maternity unit.

1970 Samaritan Hospital breaks ground on a tower expansion that includes 91 additional beds.

April 24, 1972 Leonard Hospital moves to a new location on New Turnpike Road.

June 1972 Samaritan Hospital Tower is dedicated.

1994 St. Mary's Hospital and Leonard Hospital merge to form Seton Health System.

1995 Samaritan Hospital joins The Eddy to form Northeast Health.

1995 Samaritan Hospital launches a $17.6 million project breaking ground for the Lally Pavilion

1995 Leonard Hospital closes.

1995 Seton Health renovates the former Central Market at 147 Hoosick Street (Massry Center) to be used for outpatient services.

1997 Albany Memorial Hospital joins Northeast Health.

1998 Samaritan Hospital celebrates its 100th Anniversary. The Family Birth Center, Women's Health Center, and Cancer Treatment Center are notable additions to the campus.

1998 St. Mary's Hospital opens its new birthing center.

2006 Samaritan Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital launch a joint Cardiac Catheterization program.

2007 Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital joins Northeast Health.

October 2011 St. Peter's Health Partners is created— a new, not-for-profit organization, bringing together Northeast Health, St. Peter's Health Care Services, and Seton Health.

October 2011 Burdett Care (Birth) Center opens as a separately licensed maternity hospital, bringing together the maternity services of Samaritan and St. Mary's hospitals.

January 2012 Samaritan Hospital offers Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI), bringing this potentially lifesaving procedure to Rensselaer County.

September 30, 2014 St. Peter's Health Partners breaks ground for its $99 million Troy Master Facilities Plan – a strategic redevelopment project aimed at transforming the face of health care in Troy, Rensselaer County, and the surrounding communities.

St. Peter's Health Partners reveals the $10 million Master Facilities Plan donor, Heinrich A. Medicus, PhD.

2015 Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing relocates to its newly renovated home on the St. Mary's campus.

2015 St. Mary's Cancer Treatment Center opens, later to be renamed the Hildegard Medicus Cancer Center. The new center is designed for and by patients.

October 2016 Samaritan Hospital becomes the sole provider of inpatient acute care hospital services in Troy, and St. Mary's transitions into an outpatient campus.

December 7, 2017 Samaritan Hospital unveils a new emergency department and the St. Mary's Emergency Department transitions to an urgent care facility.

September 2018 The Troy Master Facility Plan project is completed and the new Heinrich Medicus Pavilion opens.