

# Overview

Franciscan Skemp Healthcare is a regional healthcare system, formed in 1995 when Franciscan Health System, Skemp Clinic, and the Mayo Clinic merged.

In 1883, the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration built St. Francis Hospital in La Crosse. It was western Wisconsin's first hospital and symbolized the Sisters' pioneering vision of caring. Indeed, the Sisters' mission to heal was and still is the same mission that guided their patriarch, St. Francis of Assisi 700 years before. Fundamental to their caring philosophy is their belief in caring for the whole person—body, emotions and spirit—and to do so with dignity and compassion.

Skemp Clinic was founded in 1923 by Dr. Archibald Skemp. His brothers George and Fred soon joined the practice as well as his sons John, Sam, Charles, and nephew Joseph. The clinic grew over the decades as it merged with other clinics and built more clinics to better serve patients close to home. Today, it employs 200 specialists and primary care doctors caring for patients at locations in southwestern Wisconsin, southeastern Minnesota and northeastern Iowa. Its family practice residency program is affiliated with the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine.

Franciscan Skemp Healthcare merges 3 traditions of medical excellence. We put the needs of patients first. We provide skilled, compassionate care as close to your home as possible. Our philosophy of Christian caring is built upon the Franciscan Sisters' original healing mission that honors the past, reflects the present, and guides us into the future.

Our supervisors are qualified Medical Technologists and specialists in their fields. They are available to answer department-specific questions and to provide consultation for technical problems you may be having in your laboratory. Our staff of Medical Technologists and Medical Laboratory Technicians (MLTs) is available to answer questions about specimen requirements, patient results, and to help locate information. Three pathologists are also available for medical consultation.

Our laboratory is fully accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) and College of American Pathologists (CAP) and meets all of the Department of Health & Human Services Healthcare Financing Administration, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA '88) requirements.

In the alphabetical listing of tests, information is provided on specimen requirements, days tested, reference ranges, order, CPT, and service order codes. In some cases there are more than 1 CPT code listed. Use all of the codes listed when billing third party payers.

When a surgical pathology report is issued, the service code(s) for the procedures performed will also be included.