

Lower Keys Medical Center
August 2025



Lower Keys Medical Center Updates

- Safe delivery and transport of two babies at 31 weeks
- Landscaping underway, room refresh coming soon
- 1,000 days without a serious safety event





Emergency Care and Transfers

23,000 Emergency Department visits

- 1,024 Transfers (4.4%)
- -16% (196) fewer transfers from previous year

Emergency Department Data – May 29, 2024-May 28, 2025		
Medical Reason	# of patients transferred	% of all transfers
Trauma	143	14%
Neuroscience Services	129	13%
Cardiac Care	109*	11%
Behavioral Health	88**	9%
Pediatric	77	8%

^{*} Reduced cardiac transfers by 65% since adding 24/7 STEMI



^{** 86%} of behavioral health transfers were to Guidance Care/Center for substance abuse

Quality

Accreditations/Certifications

- Joint Commission Primary Stroke Center
- ACC Chest Pain Center Accreditation
- Joint Commission Hospital Accreditation
 - Full accreditation with no conditional level findings



Quality and Safety Highlights

- New Graduate RN Program launched in 2023, continues to grow each quarter
- Full time Patient Advocate hired Q1 2025
- Recognized for cardiac care by the American College of Cardiology (ACC) in the ACC advertising insert in "Best Hospitals" issue of U.S. News & World Report



Quality





(Projected 4 Star July 2025)

Google Rating



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Provider Recruitment Update

- Keys Medical Group Recruitment Successes 2025
 - Julian Javier, M.D., Interventional Cardiology
 - Leandro Perez, M.D., Interventional Cardiology
 - Grace Maliberan, APRN, Gastroenterology
 - Aldo Beretta, M.D., Orthopedics
 - Edgardo Montemayor, M.D., Family Medicine

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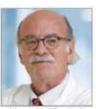
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Equipment Investments

Replace nuclear medicine camera – Completed April 2025

- Up to 25% reduction in scan time
- Improved image quality
- Greater sensitivity and improved small lesion detection

Replace CT – Fall 2025

- Faster scan times
- Improved image quality
- Enhanced cardiac and vascular testing
- Project Underway

Cardiac Cath Lab investment 24/7

 Transfers for heart care declined from approximately 20 per month to an average of 7 per month





Physical Plant Investments

2024: \$1.5M

- Air Handler Unit (AHU) Replacement at the Depoo Campus
- Exterior Building Paint and Seal
- Fire Pump Replacement at Depoo Campus

2025: \$2.2M

- Underground Fuel Tank Removal
- 4 Air Handler Unit (AHU) Replacements at Main Campus
- Fire Alarm Replacement
- 2 Roof Top Unit (RTU) Replacement at the Depoo Campus
- Main Campus Landscaping and Lighting
- Inpatient Rooms Refresh (Paint, Flooring, Doors, Art)
- Emergency O2 Connection

2026-2028 (Forecasted): \$1.9M

- Exterior Building Paint and Seal at the Depoo Campus
- Replace Boiler
- Replace Steam Generators
- Replace Chiller
- Cooling Tower Expansion



Community Involvement

- \$100,000 donation of funds to the College of the Florida Keys
 - Matches State of Florida Fund for nursing education
- Lower Keys Medical Center scholarship for Key West High School seniors
 - \$8,000 nursing scholarship
 - \$2,500 health studies scholarships for two students
- Sponsorships and donations
 - Doctors' Day donations to MARC House, Habitat for Humanity, Samuels House
 - Community Foundation Unsung Heroes
 - Wesley House
 - Key West Woman's Club
 - WomanKind
 - Take Stock in Children
 - Community Health of South Florida
 - Guidance Care Center
 - Cancer Foundation of the Florida Keys
 - Keys Healthy Start
 - Local Youth sports
 - Free monthly classes





Community Preparedness

Annual Hurricane Evacuation Drill

