

# New report notes successes, challenges for Medical College of Wisconsin

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Fifty years after Milwaukee leaders laid out a vision for the future of the Medical College of Wisconsin, a new report says core goals have been achieved but new challenges lie ahead.

In 1967, the Greater Milwaukee Committee formed the Heil Commission after Marquette University split from the medical school. The commission determined three key areas of importance for the college: increasing the supply of physicians for southeast Wisconsin and the state; providing complex medical care for the region while conducting critical medical research.

According to MCW, the ratio of physicians in Wisconsin was 119 per 100,000 residents at the time. That's risen to 521 per 100,000 residents. And 50 percent of practicing doctors in the state were educated at MCW.

The college is now one of the nation's 10 largest by enrollment, providing highly rated care for people with complex health issues.

And MCW spends more than \$200 million annually on research, accounting for 68 percent of all research investment by universities in the region. The college also recently announced a \$43 million expansion of a research facility on its campus in Wauwatosa.

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