



This website provides news, reviews, patient stories, litigation, and images to help Las Vegas residents and visitors make informed decisions about Sunrise Hospital and to understand their rights as a patient. All of the information on this website was found in the public domain. Read the [Patient Stories](#) of mistreatment, harm, injury and death at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas.

**Alarming news about hip and knee replacements:** Total annual hip replacement surgeries in the U.S. are [increasing at an alarming rate](#). Annual hip replacements are predicted to increase from the current level of 500,000 procedures in 2020 to an estimated 1,400,000 total hip replacements in 2040. A recent article in the Journal of the American Medical Association estimates that **up to one-third of the hip and knee replacement surgeries performed annually are UNNECESSARY. These unnecessary surgeries cost Americans approximately \$8.3 billion per year.**

There are numerous stories about bad outcomes with joint replacements in the [Patient Stories](#) section, and be sure to read the story about the lessons learned from a botched hip replacement in Wisconsin (posted on the [Patient Stories](#) page).

DISCLAIMER: This is NOT the website for Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas. To reach the hospital, contact them at [SunriseHealthInfo.com](mailto:SunriseHealthInfo.com).

**NEWS ALERT:** Another medical malpractice lawsuit was filed against Sunrise Hospital on 12/26/2025. A patient died after she was given morphine multiple times even though she had a documented allergy to morphine. The lawsuit describes "patient dumping," "breaches of the nursing standard of care," and "outrageous and reckless failure" by Sunrise Hospital. Read the story of [Patient-100](#) to learn more about this lawsuit and the death of this patient, and be sure to read the other [Patient Stories](#) of mistreatment, harm, injury and death at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas.

**NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF SUNRISE HOSPITAL:** You have a choice. You can become a whistleblower and stop these harmful behaviors. Contact an attorney who specializes in whistleblower law. Your families, friends and neighbors and people throughout Nevada are counting on you. Please help save lives.

**News Alert on December 30, 2025. Another big hospital in the news.** Chesapeake Regional Medical Center in Virginia is being sued for \$5.1 billion by more than 500 women for "unnecessary, uninformed, harmful, invasive, unlawful, and life-altering medical procedures." The doctor in the case, Javaid Perwaiz, is already in prison and serving 59 years. The lawsuit named the medical center and three senior hospital executives: James Reese Jackson, the current president and CEO, and two of his predecessors, Peter Francis Bastone and Wynn Lawton Dixon Jr. Learn more about [this lawsuit](#).

- “This case isn’t just about malpractice. It’s not just about fraud. And it’s not just about CRMC’s theft of taxpayer money for all the unnecessary surgeries that Perwaiz performed...But what this case is really about, **it is the largest Civil Rights violation to occur in modern healthcare,**” Anthony DiPietro, a Patient Safety and Medical Malpractice Trial Attorney said.
- “This isn’t a case where you look for the bad apples and you root them out,” DiPietro said. **“This is about looking at the entire crop, the institution that knew about this abuse, that knew about this fraud, that participated in it and covered it up from the press, from the public and from the very patients in the community who entrusted that hospital with their healthcare.”**

# Sunrise Hospital reviews, news, patient stories and images

Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center in Las Vegas, owned by HCA Healthcare.

Get the facts to help you make informed decisions.

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Helping you make informed decisions

**RED ALERT: If you are currently in the hospital and your rights are being violated or they are trying to force you to do something against your will, call Hospital Hostage Hotline right now at [888-219-3637](tel:888-219-3637).**

This website provides news, reviews, patient stories and images to help Las Vegas residents and visitors make informed decisions about Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center, located at 3186 S Maryland Parkway, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**[Todd Sklamberg](#)** is the CEO of Sunrise Hospital, and **[Sherrie Somers](#)** is the Chief Medical Officer.

The Internet is a big place, and there are a lot of **[fake reviews](#)** and misinformation which make it difficult to make informed decisions about whether Sunrise Hospital is the right choice for you. Estimates show that up to 42% of positive reviews are fake.

We are bringing together information that is posted in the public domain and presenting it in a concise, organized format.

**All of the information on this website was found in the public domain via legal documents, court rulings, news articles, personal stories, and other online sources.**

We hope the information on this website will help you make informed decisions about whether Sunrise Hospital is the right choice for you.

**Note to the readers:** It is very clear that the media, elected officials and power players in Las Vegas are very aware of the serious problems at Sunrise Hospital, but they stick their heads in the sand and do NOTHING while people suffer and die.

### **Important notes:**

- If you have a botched surgery or serious medical problem caused by a doctor or hospital, learn **[Who to Call](#)**. We have provided a list of elected officials, news outlets, reporters, medical organizations, government agencies, and other entities you can contact. We have also included email addresses for some of the leadership people at HCA Healthcare and Sunrise Hospital.
  - Beware of **[Nevada Orthopedic & Spine Center](#)** which includes Dr. Michael Bradford and his partners. The office and the individual doctors have low ratings and a lot of negative reviews.
  - Learn about bad surgeries, complaints, lawsuits and negative reviews involving **[Dr. Michael Bradford](#)** at Sunrise Hospital. Read some of the stories by patients who have been harmed by Dr. Bradford.
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## **HCA Healthcare Owns Sunrise Hospital**

HCA Healthcare owns Sunrise Hospital. The **[corporate headquarters](#)** are located in Nashville, Tennessee, and the CEO is **[Sam Hazen](#)**.

In 2024, HCA made nearly \$5.8 billion in profits and spent \$6 billion on stock buybacks to make its wealthy shareholders even richer.

**If HCA can afford to pay its CEO \$23 million in compensation and \$6 billion on stock buybacks,** it can afford to treat all of its workers with the respect and dignity they deserve."

The Frist family is the largest shareholder of HCA Healthcare. **Thomas F. Frist Jr. and his immediate family** saw their personal wealth increase from \$7.5 billion on March 18, 2020 to \$15.6 billion on March 8, 2021, an increase of \$8.1 billion or 108 percent (**more than doubled their net worth** during the first year of the pandemic), according to an analysis by the Institute for Policy Studies.

- Learn more about how **COVID-19 was a big moneymaker for corporations and billionaires.**

In a **March 9, 2021, report** by the Institute for Policy Studies, they estimate the **combined net worth for the extended Frist family at \$22.37 billion.** The list of family members includes: Thomas Frist Jr, his brother William Harrison Frist, his daughter Patricia Frist Elcan, his son Thomas F. Frist III, and his other son William Robert Frist.

According to **a report by SEIU,** there have been multiple fraud investigations and settlements against HCA Healthcare (for more than 20 years), showing **HCA has a history of engaging in alleged fraud to maximize profits** and that federal and state governments and other stakeholders must take steps to increase scrutiny on for-profit healthcare corporations like HCA.

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## Lawsuit against HCA's Mission Hospital

This is one example of HCA's view of whether quality care is necessary.

In December of 2023, **Medicare notified HCA that conditions at the hospital "posed immediate jeopardy to patients' health and safety."**

- **An immediate jeopardy finding is the most serious sanction a hospital can receive.** Mission faces a Feb. 24 deadline to provide CMS with a plan to correct deficiencies or lose its Medicare and Medicaid funding, which would threaten the hospital's financial viability.

In **a lawsuit filed against HCA that same month,** the North Carolina Attorney General, said his office had received "hundreds of complaints from patients, physicians, nurses, and others about the quality of care since HCA's takeover of the six-hospital system in western North Carolina."

In **the Answer filed by HCA's lawyers,** they bragged that "**HCA never promised to provide quality health care.**" The contract to purchase that hospital was "silent as to the quantity or quality of services required."

“The contractual language, as well as the underlying negotiations, demonstrate that Mission’s Hospital Service Commitments are not promises to meet subjective healthcare standards,” as stated in the filing by HCA’s attorneys.

This case sums up HCA’s position regarding whether quality care is necessary.

### [October 31, 2025, update about Mission Hospital:](#)

#### **News Headline: Amid immediate jeopardy, HCA Mission Hospital hires 200 workers in 65 days.**

In late 2023, CMS officials cited nine incidents of care deficiencies, prompting the **first immediate jeopardy**. Then in 2024, the agency said Mission failed to meet standards in several conditions of participation, spurring a **second immediate jeopardy**.

In October, CMS (Medicare) placed Mission Hospital in immediate jeopardy, meaning the hospital faces termination of its CMS Medicare contract if it is found to be noncompliant. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services recommended the immediate jeopardy, alleging several lapses in patient safety.

As HCA Healthcare’s Mission Hospital in Asheville, N.C., undergoes its **third immediate jeopardy** since 2019, hospital leaders said they have hired 200 employees in 65 days, according to an Oct. 30 report from Blue Ridge Public Radio.

~~Read the October 31, 2025, [news article](#).~~

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## **Important tips about Sunrise Hospital**

We are providing facts about Sunrise Hospital and comments for you to consider to help you make informed decisions about whether Sunrise Hospital is the right choice for you and your loved ones.

- Sunrise Hospital is **rated only ONE STAR by Medicare** (out of 5 stars) which tells you a lot because Medicare has patient data.
- On November 13, 2025, Leapfrog announced the Fall 2025 Patient Safety Grades. Sunrise Hospital, once again, received **a grade of only C** (on a scale of A - F). However, Sunrise Hospital did not answer all of the questions and did not provide all of the information requested, so their actual grade is uncertain. In their survey response, Sunrise Hospital claims they are following the principles for handling **Never Events**, but the patient stories show no indication of compliance.
- On Yelp, Sunrise Hospital has more than 750 reviews, with an **average rating of 2.1 stars** (out of 5 stars). That says a lot.
- If you are thinking about going to Sunrise Hospital, read the negative reviews. It is estimated that approximately **42% of positive reviews are fake**.

- Sunrise Hospital has **a much higher number** of Candida auris infections than other hospitals in Las Vegas. As of August 2024, Sunrise Hospital had recorded 480 infections, three times more than the next-highest total (158 from Valley Hospital Medical Center).
  - The **numbers for 2025** show Nevada has the highest number of cases of Candida Auris infections of all states in the U.S.
  - Read the story of **Patient-1** who acquired two serious infections during surgery in June 2025, but Sunrise Hospital and Dr. Michael Bradford did not give the patient antibiotics or wound care supplies. In fact, Dr. Bradford would not even respond to calls for assistance from the patient or the patient's other medical providers.
- If you must go to Sunrise Hospital, **DO NOT go alone**. Take a family member or friend who can watch over you, protect you, and speak up to ensure you are not ignored or mistreated.
- Read the **stories about patients** who have been harmed at Sunrise Hospital, especially the most recent story about **Patient-1** who was harmed during surgery by Dr. Michael Bradford on June 17, 2025. It is a horrifying story. Learn what you can do to prevent this from happening to you and your loved ones.
  - The most important step -- DO NOT go to Dr. Michael Bradford or Sunrise Hospital.
- The **U.S. Department of Justice reached a settlement with Sunrise Hospital** regarding **the hospital's violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**. The agreement was announced on September 26, 2025. Learn more about it in the section on **Litigation** and the story of **Patient-15**. Sunrise Hospital is required to comply with ADA rules, provide training about the ADA to their employees, and send periodic reports to the DOJ. If you see Sunrise Hospital violating the ADA rules, contact the **Nevada DOJ office** immediately.
- Sunrise Hospital charges "nearly 13x markup," one of highest among top hospitals, study shows. According to **the study by Johns Hopkins University**, Sunrise Hospital's listed prices for procedures and other billable items are 12.9 times more than the cost. **Sunrise is ranked second among the 100 largest hospitals for highest markup rates.**
  - "This system has the effect of charging the highest prices to the most vulnerable patients and those with the least market power," a **2015 study** concluded.
- Sunrise Hospital **employees joined the Union**. They have been asking for better pay and better working conditions due to "a crisis of severe turnover and burnout." They reached a contract agreement with HCA Healthcare on October 6, 2025. It will be a nice pay increase for the employees, but it will do nothing to improve patient care. The culture has been ingrained for too many years, and a pay increase will not change the culture.
- Search for news articles and social media posts about Sunrise Hospital. The media rarely tells you about **bad patient experiences** at Sunrise Hospital, but you can find a lot of information on social media.
- If you have previously contacted the media about a bad experience at Sunrise Hospital and wonder why they will not help you, **learn how corporations control the news**. The media will

often decline to publish – or are prohibited from publishing – a news story about big corporations due to pressure from those entities or the secret rules about protecting them.

- Sunrise Hospital has **armed guards and metal detectors** and an intensive security process. You will have your picture taken and wear an ID badge, and you might be patted down (even if you arrive in an ambulance or on a gurney).
- Some health insurance plans (for example, Health Plan of Nevada, and Sierra Health and Life Insurance) force you to go to Sunrise Hospital. That is the only choice they allow. Why do you think they do that?
  - Many hospitals enter into exclusive contracts which allow for "closed departments" where they engage in arrangements with just a few chosen physicians. Other doctors say these arrangements violate due process rights, constitute a breach of contract and are anti-competitive. It seems this practice of exclusive contracts could be another reason why it is difficult to get doctors to move to Nevada.
  - Read about **the \$200 Million jury verdict** against Sierra Health and Life Insurance for refusing to pay for lung cancer treatment.
  - Read the story of **Patient-1** to learn about the "rules" in the Las Vegas medical community that allow the surgeon who harmed you to keep control of you and your body, how there is a secret "overflow list" if your surgery goes badly and you need a new surgeon, and the problems with the referral process.
- If your condition is not life threatening, consider going to a primary care doctor or Urgent Care.
- Most importantly, take pictures and videos of everything and record conversations. Nevada law says **you can record "in-person conversations" if at least one party consents** (that one party can be you).

**REMINDER: You can choose to leave a hospital. Just ask for the AMA form (AMA means "against medical advice.") Comments posted on review websites have stated that Sunrise Hospital will try to force you to stay using scare tactics such as telling you that insurance won't pay if you leave. If you are not getting proper medical care or are being harmed or threatened, YOU CAN LEAVE SUNRISE HOSPITAL and go to a better hospital (or go to your primary care doctor or urgent care, depending on your medical situation).**

## **Joint Commission on hospital accreditation will be evaluating Sunrise Hospital**

The Joint Commission is a national organization involved in accreditation of hospitals throughout the United States.

**Note to readers: The Joint Commission has received numerous complaints against Sunrise Hospital, but The Joint Commission DOES NOTHING. They merely tell the injured patients and**

**their families that they will "keep their information on file." No effort to investigate or hold Sunrise Hospital accountable or shut down the hospital.**

In 1996, the Joint Commission adopted a [Sentinel Event Policy](#).

- **[A Sentinel Event is a patient safety event](#)** that reaches a patient and results in death, severe harm (regardless of duration or harm), or permanent harm (regardless of severity of harm).

Some healthcare professionals use [Never Event](#) and Sentinel Event interchangeably.

## **Joint Commission will be evaluating Sunrise Hospital**

There is an announcement on the website for Sunrise Hospital that the Joint Commission will be conducting an unannounced survey of Sunrise Hospital to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards.

The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization.

**Please help the Joint Commission conduct a thorough evaluation of Sunrise Hospital. It is time to share your stories about the inadequate treatment you received at Sunrise Hospital.**

To submit your story to the Joint Commission, go to the "[Report a Patient Safety Event](#)" link on the Joint Commission website.



## **Reviews**

We are presenting a sample of some of the negative reviews available online.



## **News**

Read some of the news articles and personal stories about Sunrise Hospital.



## Patient Stories

We are presenting a few of the stories from patients at Sunrise Hospital.



## Images

Check out images of the facilities, patient rooms, waiting areas and furnishings.

# Baby suffered catastrophic brain injury at Sunrise Hospital

We are posting Patient Stories. The story about this baby with catastrophic brain jury is provided as [Patient-2](#).



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# Young mother dies after being discharged in unsafe condition

We are posting Patient Stories. The story about this young mother who was discharged from Sunrise Hospital in an unsafe condition is provided as [Patient-3](#).



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A wrongful death lawsuit was filed Tuesday alleging that Desert Hope Treatment Center and Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center failed to notify a Las Vegas woman's family of both her transfer to the hospital and her discharge before her death.

STORY: <https://lvj.com/post/3378635>



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