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* Catholic Institutions alone control 600 hospitals, 140,000 hospital beds, and \$40 billion in revenue. Columbia/HCA, one of the nation's largest for-profit and secular systems controls 300 hospitals, 60,000 beds and \$14.5 billion in revenue. [\[1\]](#)

* In 1997, four of the ten largest health care systems (including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs) in the country were Catholic. [\[2\]](#)

* Catholic hospital net patient revenues grew 7.3 percent from 1996 to 1997 while for-profit systems grew only 5.5 percent. [\[3\]](#)

* In California, Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) operates 46 hospitals, compared to Tenet Healthcare's 42. [\[4\]](#) CHW continues to consider its expansion options within the state. [\[5\]](#)

* Pending Vatican approval, three Catholic Hospitals in New York City are on the verge of completing a merger deal that would create the city's largest fully integrated Catholic health care system. [\[6\]](#)

* Two Catholic healthcare systems in the Midwest are gaining market share with recent merger deals. Provena Health, a seven hospital system based in Frankfurt, Illinois, has formed a joint operating company with another Illinois hospital and has another deal pending with another. Sisters of St. Francis Health Systems recently completed a hospital swap for a 248-bed facility in Crown Point, Indiana , making St. Francis the sole provider in the area. [\[7\]](#)

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