

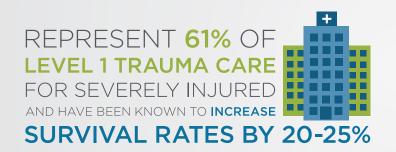
Academic health centers are non-profit organizations that educate and train the next generation of health professionals, provide high-quality patient care including the most complex and difficult diagnoses and treatments, and develop new medical technologies, treatment protocols, and innovative biomedical discoveries.

They provide a disproportionate share of treatment to underserved populations—





while also treating the most complex and difficult diagnoses.





They have a significant ecomonic impact and





produce original products and technologies that benefit millions of people worldwide.

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