



São João University Hospital Centre, Porto, Portugal

São João University Hospital Centre (SJUHC) was inaugurated on June 24, 1959. Designed in 1939 by the German architect Hermann Dister, its construction was considerably delayed during the course of World War II. Presently, it is the largest hospital of the northern region of Portugal.

In 1961, the hospital had a total capacity of 778 beds with 8394 inpatient admissions. In October, 1964, its Emergency Department was opened.

By 2011, the São João Hospital had merged with the Hospital of Valongo, and the São João Hospital Centre was created.

On the August 3, 2018, the hospital centre was recognized as one of Portugal's Academic Clinical Centres for its close relation, since its creation, with the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Porto. As a result, its name was changed to SJUHC.

In 2021, a pediatric unit was inaugurated within a new building equipped with the utmost in modern technologies.

Currently, SJUHC has a capacity of over 1100 beds. Annually, over 6400 healthcare professionals conduct more than 800 000 consultations, 45 000 surgeries, and 300 000 emergency presentations.

Figure: São João University Hospital Center. The **top left** corner is from 1959 and the **top right** and **bottom** panels are from 2021.

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