

# Vanguard Health Care Fund

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## Fund facts

<b>Risk level</b> Low ← → High					<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>Expense ratio as of 05/25/23</b>	<b>Ticker symbol</b>	<b>Turnover rate</b>	<b>Inception date</b>	<b>Fund number</b>
1	2	3	4	5	\$7,458 MM	0.34%	VGHCX	19.1%	05/23/84	0052

## Investment objective

Vanguard Health Care Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation.

## Investment strategy

The fund invests at least 80% of its assets in the stocks of companies principally engaged in the development, production, or distribution of products and services related to the health care industry. These companies include, among others, pharmaceutical firms, medical supply companies, and businesses that operate hospitals and other health care facilities. The fund also considers companies engaged in medical, diagnostic, biochemical, and other research and development activities. The fund's advisor strives for a balanced representation of the health care field, searching for the best values in the various subsectors of the industry. The fund may invest up to 50% of its assets in foreign stocks.

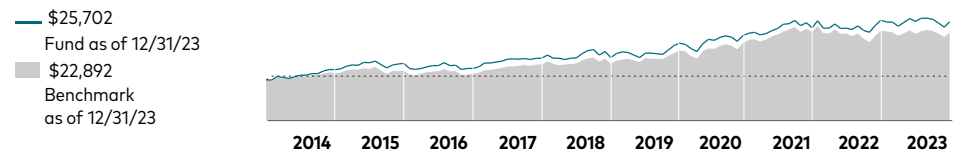
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## Benchmark

Spliced Health Care Index

## Growth of a \$10,000 investment: January 31, 2014—December 31, 2023



## Annual returns



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Fund</b>	28.52	12.65	-8.99	19.61	1.15	22.93	12.62	14.30	-1.05	5.43
<b>Benchmark</b>	18.13	6.33	-6.83	20.14	1.71	22.67	14.87	17.50	-6.14	3.58

## Total returns

Periods ended March 31, 2024

	Quarter	Year to date	One year	Three years	Five years	Ten years
<b>Fund</b>	5.07%	5.07%	11.44%	7.90%	9.96%	9.77%
<b>Benchmark</b>	7.05%	7.05%	12.82%	6.78%	9.79%	8.83%

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Figures for periods of less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent average annual returns. Performance figures include the reinvestment of all dividends and any capital gains distributions. All returns are net of expenses.

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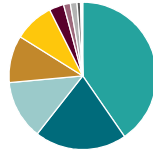
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## Ten largest holdings\*

1	Eli Lilly & Co.	
2	UnitedHealth Group Inc.	
3	Merck & Co. Inc.	
4	AstraZeneca plc	
5	Novartis AG	
6	Daiichi Sankyo Co. Ltd.	
7	Danaher Corp.	
8	Pfizer Inc.	
9	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	
10	Elevance Health Inc.	
Top 10 as % of total net assets		43.1%

\* The holdings listed exclude any temporary cash investments and equity index products.

## Sector Diversification



Pharmaceuticals	40.4%	Health Care Services	1.5
Biotechnology	20.2	Health Care Supplies	1.4
Managed Health Care	12.9	Health Care Distributors	0.8
Health Care Equipment	10.4	Health Care Technology	0.2
Life Sciences Tools & Services	8.7	Other	0.3
Health Care Facilities	3.2		

Sector categories are based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"), except for the "Other" category (if applicable), which includes securities that have not been provided a GICS classification as of the effective reporting period.

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### Plain talk about risk

An investment in the fund could lose money over short or long periods of time. You should expect the fund's share price and total return to fluctuate within a wide range. The fund is subject to the following risks, which could affect the fund's performance:

**Industry concentration risk**, which is the chance that there will be particular problems affecting an entire industry. Any fund that concentrates in a particular industry will generally be more volatile than a fund that invests more broadly. Because the fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in the stocks of companies related to the health care industry, the fund's performance largely depends—for better or for worse—on the overall condition of this industry. The health care industry could be adversely affected by various political, regulatory, supply-and-demand, and other economic factors.

**Stock market risk**, which is the chance that stock prices overall will decline. Stock markets tend to move in cycles, with periods of rising prices and periods of falling prices. The fund's investments in foreign stocks can be riskier than U.S. stock investments. Foreign stocks may be more volatile and less liquid than U.S. stocks. The prices of foreign stocks and the prices of U.S. stocks may move in opposite directions.

**Asset concentration risk**, which is the chance that, because the fund tends to invest a high percentage of assets in its ten largest holdings, the fund's performance may be hurt disproportionately by the poor performance of relatively few stocks.

**Manager risk**, which is the chance that poor security selection will cause the fund to underperform relevant benchmarks or other funds with a similar investment objective.

**Country risk**, which is the chance that world events—such as political upheaval, financial troubles, or natural disasters—will adversely affect the value of securities issued by companies in foreign countries.

**Currency risk**, which is the chance that the value of a foreign investment, measured in U.S. dollars, will decrease because of unfavorable changes in currency exchange rates.

**Nondiversification risk**, which is the chance that the fund's performance may be hurt disproportionately by the poor performance of relatively few stocks or even a single stock. The fund is considered nondiversified, which means that it may invest a greater percentage of its assets in the securities of particular issuers as compared with diversified mutual funds.

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