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UF Health Jacksonville

UF Health Jacksonville is a private, not-for-profit hospital affiliated with the University of Florida. It is part of UF Health, the Southeast's most comprehensive academic health center, with campuses in Jacksonville and Gainesville.

The hospital's origins date to 1870 as Florida's first non-military hospital, known then as Duval County Hospital and Asylum. Today, UF Health Jacksonville is a leader in the education of health professionals, a hub for clinical research and a unique provider of high-quality patient care. Combining its strengths with the UF College of Medicine – Jacksonville, it offers residents in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia all the benefits of an academic health center.

UF Health Jacksonville opened a medical office building on its new campus, UF Health North, in February 2015, giving residents in North Jacksonville and surrounding areas more convenient access to advanced specialty services, a full-service emergency room, an outpatient surgery center and a birth center. A 92-bed hospital adjacent to the medical office building opened in May 2017.

Community Initiatives

UF Health Jacksonville offers a variety of health education and outreach initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life for everyone in the community. Registered nurses, physicians, physician assistants, pharmacists and volunteers provide routine health screenings, education, disease counseling and case management.

695
Licensed beds*

26,362
Admissions (excluding newborns)

3,185
Births

127,700
ER visits

3,757
Employees (FTEs)*

641
Medical staff physicians

FY17 Volumes

*Includes UF Health North

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Accomplishments

▶ **A New Hospital for North Jacksonville**
May 2017 marked a momentous milestone with the opening of UF Health North's new 92-bed hospital. This is the first hospital UF Health has designed and built from the ground up in Jacksonville. It is also the only hospital in North Jacksonville.

▶ **Fours Stars for Quality Care**
National health care research leader Professional Research Consultants Inc. recognized UF Health Jacksonville with an Excellence in Healthcare Award at its Excellence in Healthcare Conference in June. UF Health Jacksonville's ER achieved a four-star rating for overall quality of care in all areas, including trauma, pediatrics and the UF Health North ER.

▶ **MICU Earns a Silver Beacon Award**
UF Health Jacksonville's Medical Intensive Care Unit was recognized by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses in May. The association awarded the unit a 2017 Silver Beacon Award for Excellence — the first unit at UF Health Jacksonville to receive this award. The honor is given to the country's top nursing units that improve patient outcomes and align their practices with the AACN's Six Healthy Work Environment standards.

▶ **High Rankings from U.S. News & World Report**
UF Health Jacksonville was ranked among the best hospitals for 2017-18 in a U.S. News & World Report comparison of hospitals across the nation. Highlighting the organization's achievements is its ear, nose and throat program, which is ranked 37th best in the United States. UF Health Jacksonville was also recognized as a "Best Hospital" in Northern Florida and received high-performing scores in three other specialties: nephrology, heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

▶ **Rising Up the Ranks for Patient Safety Efforts**
UF Health Jacksonville's ranking among academic health centers in the United States jumped significantly in 2017, rising 33 spots in the latest Vizient rankings. UF Health Jacksonville is now ranked 44th in the country, with major improvements in five of the six categories measured: mortality, effectiveness, safety, efficiency and equity.

Education and Research

Educating the health professionals of tomorrow is a key mission of UF Health. This mission is accomplished through educational programs for medical students, residents, fellows, pharmacy students and nursing students.

Located on the UF Health Jacksonville campus, the UF Center for Simulation Education and Safety Research is nationally recognized as a center of excellence for simulation training. It promotes broadly disciplined health care education and patient safety. This goal is achieved by expanding the educational experience to maximize learning opportunities for students, residents, hospital personnel and other health care providers. The 24,000-square-foot facility offers unique opportunities to explore a wide variety of training scenarios, including mass casualty events, multiple patient encounters and a continuum of care from remote interventions through emergency room admissions and full surgical interventions.

The College of Medicine provides on-campus biostatistical consulting and research support services to faculty, residents, fellows and other researchers. These services are housed in the Center for Health Equity and Quality Research, or CHEQR. The mission of CHEQR is to conduct applied research on clinical care and health disparities among populations served by UF Health. As a service to faculty members and staff on the UF Health Jacksonville campus, the Institutional Review Board, or IRB, provides guidance and assistance in preparing proposed projects that involve human subjects in research. The Jacksonville IRB oversees more than 550 active studies.

Patient Care

UF Health provides a wide range of inpatient and outpatient health care services. In addition to the main campus located in downtown Jacksonville, UF Health has more than 30 family medicine and pediatric practices throughout the region. UF Health physicians collectively offer more than 100 advanced specialty and subspecialty services, including key programs in:

- ▶ Cardiology
- ▶ Interventional radiology
- ▶ Minimally invasive and robotic surgery
- ▶ Neurology
- ▶ Neurosurgery
- ▶ Obstetrics and gynecology
- ▶ Oncology
- ▶ Orthopaedic surgery
- ▶ Pediatrics
- ▶ Trauma and critical care

Located on the UF Health Jacksonville downtown campus, the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute is one of few facilities in the U.S. equipped to treat cancer with protons. Proton therapy greatly reduces the damage to surrounding tissue, which is a significant improvement over traditional radiation therapy.

The campus also is home to the state's first and region's only Level I adult and pediatric trauma program, TraumaOne. The team consists of surgeons, nurses and other health care professionals with extensive training in caring for trauma patients.