

Academic Health Center Points of Pride

As an integrated academic health center, Georgia Regents University (GRU) is focused on a tripartite mission of health profession education, bio-medical research, and clinical care with a unique and collaborative relationship to the Augusta University Medical Center (AUMC). This integrated enterprise helps to ensure the continued vibrancy of one of the state's most robust economic engines.

Augusta University Is Georgia's Only Public Academic Health Center

- AU is one of only two integrated academic health centers in Georgia
- AU's medical college is the nation's 13th oldest still in operation
- AU's medical college is the largest medical school in the southeast and 10th largest in the U.S.
- AU is home to Georgia's only College of Dental Medicine
- AU is home to Georgia's largest advanced nursing degree program
- AU's College of Nursing is the first in the region and 10th in the nation to offer the Clinical Nurse Leader Program
- AU's College of Nursing offers 1 of only 5 PhD in Nursing Programs in Georgia and is the only one to offer both PhD and DNP degrees
- AU has the largest Allied Health Sciences program in the state
- AU's Masters of Medical Illustration degree program is 1 of only 3 degree programs in the U.S.

Augusta University Health System as a World-Class Health Care Network, Offering the Most Comprehensive Primary, Specialty, and Subspecialty Care in the Region

- AU is a major provider of cancer, neurosciences, regenerative/reparative medicine, molecular medicine, and pediatric services & research
- AU has the region's largest dedicated Cancer Care facility
- Augusta University Medical Center was the site of Georgia's first Transoma Medical's Sleuth ECG Monitoring System implant and first convergent Ex-Maze Procedure to correct atrial fibrillation. AU is home to the region's only specialists in kidney transplants, heart transplants, neuro-oncology for the treatment of brain tumors
- AU's forensic drug laboratory is the only accredited one in the region; 1 of only 51 in the nation and 1 of 4 located in academic health centers
- AU has the area's only Adult Echocardiography Laboratory accredited by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories, one of 1000 in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico
- AU was named a network transplant center by the National Marrow Donor Program, which allows doctors to transplant using unrelated donors from the national registry
- AU is the 2nd largest Medicaid provider in Georgia
- In 2009, Georgia Regents Medical Center was named 1 of only 6 models in the nation for exemplifying Patient and Family-Centered Care by the Picker Institute
- AUMC was named to Community Value Index Top 100 Hospitals list in 2007

AU has the region's:

- only Level I trauma center - one of four in the state of Georgia
- Gamma Knife Facility
- accredited Sleep Disorders Center
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) clinic that is in conjunction with the ALS Association of Georgia
- Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Transplant program

Augusta University Health System Is a Leader in Pediatrics

- AU has the 2nd largest children's hospital in Georgia
- AU is one of only two facilities to conduct newborn screenings for the state of Georgia
- AU offers pediatric patients both air and ground transportation
- AU is the only Pediatric Operative Services with minimally invasive surgery capability in the region
- AU is home to the only pediatric and neonatal heart specialist in the region

AU offers the region's only Pediatric Cancer Unit, Pediatric Oncology/Hematology Services, Pediatric Radiology Unit, Pediatric Epilepsy Monitoring Unit, Pediatric Sedation Service, Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization Lab, Level 1 (highest level) Pediatric Trauma Center, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and Pediatric Emergency Department

Augusta University's Benefit to Georgia as an Economic Engine

- As one of Georgia's top 20 employers, AU currently has a direct economic impact of nearly \$2 billion.
- AU is the second largest employer in the Central Savannah River Area, one of the Top 20 largest employers in Georgia – directly employing approximately 10,000 employees and generating approximately 50,000 other jobs statewide.
- There are currently 4,196 Medical College of Georgia Physician Alumni practicing in Georgia.

8-Year Vision for Health Professions and Medical Education in Georgia

AU stands at the center of a future-oriented statewide vision for health professions and medical education and economic growth that involves the following key components:

- Create a 'distributed' model for undergraduate, associate, and technical degrees.
- Create a 'hub and spoke' model for advanced and doctoral health professions, including medical education.
- Graduate 25% more healthcare professionals annually
- Double the research faculty and amount of extramural funding, creating 800 to 1000 new jobs , generating \$4 to \$5 million in state and local tax revenues, producing more than 100 patents and 5 to 10 new spinoff companies, and ranking GRU in the top 50 institutions for NIH funding.
- Coordinate approach to both undergraduate and graduate medical education.
- Achieve NCI-Cancer Center designation for our cancer research and care enterprise
- Improve health outcomes for Georgians by maximizing our expertise and resources in tertiary/quaternary (specialized and cutting edge) clinical services across a broader regional footprint.
- Have a single strong public medical school as part of an integrated AHC.

This vision will likely increase our direct economic impact to well over \$3 billion dollars.

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