

## 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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