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 nonmilitary hospital, known then as Duval Hospital and Asylum. 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’s newest hospital, UF Health North, includes a bed tower with 92 private rooms and a medical office building that houses an emergency room, outpatient surgery suites, imaging services and physician offices. It is the only full-service hospital in North Jacksonville.

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. They also make referrals and link clients to other community service partners, regardless of insurance or ability to pay. UF Health Jacksonville is committed to decreasing disparities in health care delivery across ethnic and economic lines.
2019 Accomplishments

One of America's Top Hospitals

UF Health Jacksonville was named one of the best hospitals in America in 2019 by Healthgrades, a national organization that analyzes the performance of hospitals across the country. UF Health Jacksonville was among the top 250 hospitals nationwide, or top 5%, in overall clinical excellence.

Comprehensive Stroke Center

The UF Health Neuroscience Institute, in collaboration with the Emergency Department and Neuroradiology at UF Health Jacksonville, was certified as a Comprehensive Stroke Center by DNV GL Healthcare, an organization dedicated to helping health care facilities worldwide achieve excellence by improving quality and outcomes.

Awards for Clinical Quality

UF Health Jacksonville received two prestigious clinical awards and has been ranked as one of the top hospitals in multiple areas of care in a 2019 report released by Healthgrades. UF Health Jacksonville was singled out for clinical quality awards in cranial neurosurgery and critical care, the only hospital in Northeast Florida to receive those distinctions. UF Health Jacksonville also achieved 5-star ratings from Healthgrades in caring for heart failure, respiratory failure, sepsis, esophageal/stomach surgery and stroke.

High Rankings from U.S. News & World Report Received

UF Health Jacksonville was recognized in the 2019 – 20 comparison of hospitals across the nation. The oral and maxillofacial surgery program was ranked 41st nationally and the nephrology program was ranked 45th. The hospital was also recognized as high-performing in neurology and neurosurgery and for patient care in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and heart failure. (2019-20 comparison of hospitals)

UF Health Wildlight Opened

UF Health Wildlight opened to the public in December 2019 and provides comprehensive health services, advanced medical technology and outstanding care in the heart of Nassau County. The facility is in Wildlight, a master-planned community and part of a strategic collaboration with UF Health, the University of Florida and developer Raydient Places + Properties.
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 Office of Research Affairs continues to grow. The Center for Data Solutions was created in 2019 to support research at all stages, from ideas and study design to analytics and publication. The Center for Data Solutions is structured to respond to the changing health science research landscape by complementing classical biostatistical support with expertise in epidemiology, machine learning and artificial intelligence. The Center for Research Training was also created in 2019 with a mission to develop the next generation of highly collaborative clinical researchers, who will advance the science of medicine and transform health care.

UF Jacksonville Aging Studies Center, or JAX-ASCENT, uses a broad spectrum of biomedical investigation, including clinical research, behavioral sciences, social sciences, epidemiology, biostatistics and health services, while implementing rigor and transparency in research in defining health aging and independence of older adults.

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 60 primary care and specialty practices throughout the region. UF Health physicians collectively offer more than 100 advanced specialty and subspecialty services, including key programs in:

- Cardiology and vascular surgery
- Interventional radiology
- Minimally invasive and robotic surgery
- Neurology and 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.