

A Mighty Force

As rural hospitals struggle nationwide, Southeast Georgia Health System's Camden Campus continues to thrive, buoyed by the communities it serves.

Every morning, Glenn Gann, RN, MSN, walks the halls of Southeast Georgia Health System's Camden Campus for a friendly check-in with everyone he sees, from physicians to nurses to environmental services technicians. For Mr. Gann, vice president and administrator of the much-beloved 40-bed hospital, this daily ritual reflects what he loves most about his job.

"We are neighbors taking care of neighbors," he explains. "We're a small hospital, but we're proud to provide outstanding, cost-effective care to the people of the communities we serve."

Since undergoing a major expansion and renovation in 2009, the Camden Campus continues to demonstrate its commitment to providing quality health-care to the people of Camden County, Georgia. In 2012, the Cancer Care Center was added, enabling area patients to receive lifesaving cancer treatment close to home. A 54,000-square-foot medical plaza housing physician offices and outpatient clinics opened the following year.

ADVANCING CARE

In 2016, stroke care also expanded at the Camden Campus with a Teletroke Program. "Anyone arriving at our Emergency Care Center with stroke symptoms receives an immediate CT scan," says Mr. Gann. "We are also equipped to administer tPA clot-busting medication, if needed." Just as important, the hospital's partnership with Baptist Health Jacksonville enables 24/7 virtual access to a top neurologist who can quickly diagnose and evaluate stroke patients and recommend whether or not transfer to another facility is warranted.



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Accolades for Southeast Georgia Health System keep coming. In 2021, the Camden Campus was ranked No. 5 for small hospitals in Georgia *Trend's* list of top hospitals. Its unparalleled commitment to safety yielded an A in the Fall 2021 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade.

Orthopaedic services are similarly superior. Patients requiring knee replacements can now take advantage of the hospital's ROSA® Knee System—a minimally invasive robotic technology.

The hospital regularly partners with Camden Connection, a community development organization structured to establish and communicate meaningful solutions to the problems facing Camden County's families, along with many local organizations to support back-to-school drives and other initiatives.

In the last few years, the Camden Campus upgraded to 3D mammography and opened its Wound Care Center, which includes state-of-the-art hyperbaric oxygen therapy. These expanded services can be traced directly to the support of the Camden community via the Georgia HEARTSM Program. "This program allows Georgians to allocate a portion of their state tax bill to support rural hospitals," explains Mr. Gann. "At a time when hospitals like ours are closing all over the

country, we are grateful that the people we serve have powered our growth."

In 2021, the hospital received more than \$800,000 from the program. Possible plans for the funding include expanding the hospital's robotic technology and upgrading operating rooms. But, says Mr. Gann, the medical excellence of the Camden Campus goes hand in hand with the skill, compassion, and warmth of the team he greets as he walks the spotless halls. "This place is a treasure. You walk in the door and it feels like home," he concludes.



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