

The Vital Role of Safety-Net Hospitals

"Public and safety-net hospitals play a vital role in our nation's health care system, delivering care and providing access to essential health and social services in underserved communities... public hospitals represent just 2 percent of the nation's hospitals.

In addition, more than half of public hospital patients are racial and ethnic minorities, and a majority of patients are uninsured or qualify for Medicaid. Public hospitals have long led the health care field in providing quality care to diverse and vulnerable communities. They are especially committed to helping reduce racial, ethnic, linguistic and socioeconomic health care disparities."

American Hospital Association



North Brevard County Hospital District d/b/a Parrish Medical Center a Public Hospital

- Zero Taxes. Founded in 1958, Parrish Medical Center is an Independent Special Taxing District that can, <u>and has not</u>, taxed the local community <u>for 29 years</u>.
- **Governance.** The District is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors appointed by elected officials from Titusville City Council and Brevard County Board of Commissioners: The City of Titusville appoints 3 of the 9. The County Commission appoints 3 of the 9. And they jointly appoint 3 of the 9. Thus, Board members are appointed by elected officials that represent the entire community that we serve.
- **Transparency.** As an Independent District Hospital in the State of Florida, we pride ourselves on faithfully complying with Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine Laws. We have complied 100% with each and every public records request-for-information we have received.
- Fiscal Stewards. Per Parrish's independent auditors: "During the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, Parrish and its affiliates provided more than \$42.9 million in community charity care and other uncompensated care with <u>no tax levy</u>." During the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, Parrish and its affiliates provided more than \$31.7 million in community charity care and other uncompensated care, again, with <u>no tax levy</u>. Our balance sheet did decline from one year to the next because of the \$20 million infused into our organization by Covid-19 and PPP monies from the government. We have not had to borrow money since 2008.
- Quality & Safety. The private rating group "Leapfrog" has recently dropped Parrish Medical Center and three (3) other Brevard County hospitals to a safety grade of "C". Prior to COVID, we sustained a Leapfrog "A" grade from 2012 to 2019. Through our continuous quality improvement initiatives, course corrections have been made and our quality and safety scores are already increasing! In fact, in Jan. 2024 the national survey company, The Joint Commission, reviewed our Stroke Program, and we had a perfect survey! We have also been notified by a national public rating agency that we have earned 18 Quality and Safety awards for 2024, that includes 6 "top 10% in the nation" and 6 "best in our market" scores. In 2023, State of Florida and AHCA recognized us for exceeding the Healthy People 2030 Maternal and Child Health goal of reducing C-section births. Our Cancer Program is nationally certified; we are the nation's only hospital system to be Integrated Care certified by the Joint Commission; we have earned the World Health Organization's Babyfriendly designation; and many more.

Health Care for Everyone.

Our Locations, Partners, Programs, and Services

Parrish Medical Center Parrish Cardiovascular Center Parrish Healthcare Centers Parrish Infusion Center Parrish Oncology Center Parrish Occupational Health Centers Parrish Health & Wellness Center Parrish Senior Consultation & Solutions Center Parrish Sleep Disorders Center Parrish Sleep Disorders Center Parrish Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Medicine Center The Children's Center Jess Parrish Medical Foundation (JPMF)

2023/2024 Growth

50 Providers30+ New Programs and Services25 Quality and Patient Safety Recognitions

Parrish Medical Group

Primary Care Behavioral Health Cardiology Endocrinology Gastroenterology General Surgery Urology OB/GYN Oncology & Infusion Services Orthopedics Sports Medicine & Athletic Training Podiatry Robotic Surgery Women's Services

Parrish Health Network Space Coast Healthcare Centers Skill Nursing Facility Partners Dialysis Centers Hospice Partners Independent Providers Insurers

PATIENTS' HEALING EXPERIENCES

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Our Vision Healing Families—Healing Communities•

Our Values Safety | Loyalty | Integrity | Compassion | Excellence | Stewardship

