

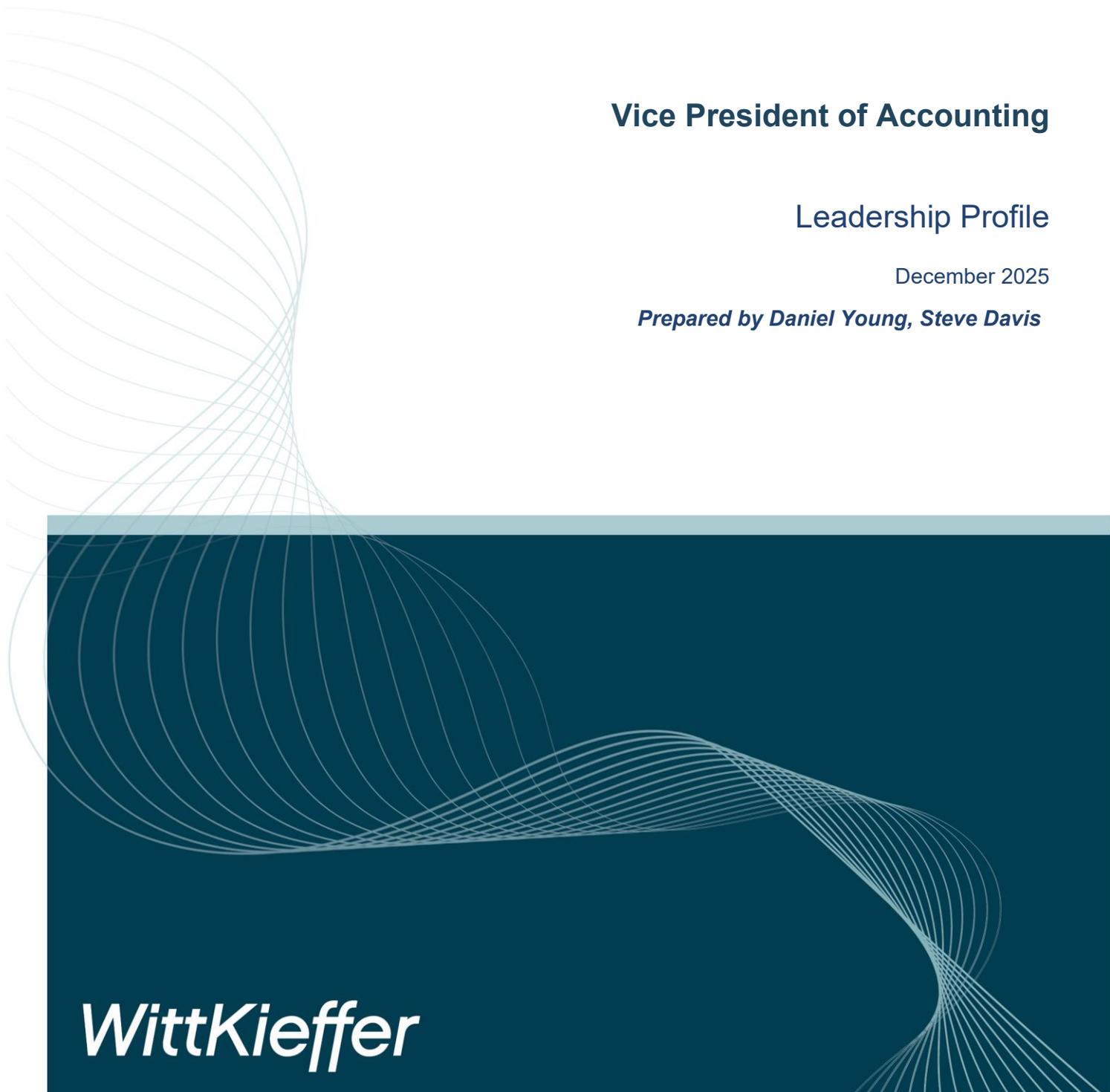


Vice President of Accounting

Leadership Profile

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The Opportunity

Vice President of Accounting: A Strategic Leadership Opportunity at WellStar Health System. This is an exceptional opportunity to join WellStar Health System, Georgia's largest non-profit health system, as the Vice President of Accounting. Their mission is to enhance the health and well-being of every person they serve, and they are nationally recognized for their commitment to PeopleCare, clinical excellence, and community investment. Reporting directly to the System Chief Financial Officer (CFO), the VP of Accounting will be a crucial leader in the financial enterprise, overseeing all core accounting functions, including financial reporting, general ledger, and internal controls for their extensive network of hospitals, medical offices, and health programs. This executive role is not just about financial accuracy; it is about providing the precise, timely, and strategic insights that drive the system's ability to fulfill its mission.

Seeking a Collaborative, Technically Proficient Healthcare Leader, they are looking for a proven executive-level leader with significant experience in the complex healthcare accounting landscape. The ideal candidate possesses deep expertise in GAAP, non-profit accounting principles (FASB), healthcare reimbursement methodologies, and financial systems optimization. Their technical proficiency must be complemented by an inherent ability to lead large-scale accounting operations, ensure rigorous internal controls, and effectively manage external audit relationships. This role requires more than technical mastery; it demands a strategic mindset to translate complex accounting issues and financial data into actionable strategies for the C-suite and the Board of Directors, safeguarding WellStar's financial integrity and sustainability.

A Strong Team Builder and Cross-Functional Partner: The successful candidate will be a strong team builder and a trusted cross-functional partner across the entire health system. As a key partner to the CFO, you will be expected to mentor and develop the accounting department's talent, fostering a culture of continuous improvement, integrity, and accountability. Beyond the finance walls, you will collaborate closely with leaders in Operations, Revenue Cycle, and Strategy, transforming financial statements into tools for system-wide performance improvement. We require a leader who can leverage financial data not only for compliance but also to inform business decisions that enhance patient care, operational efficiency, and community service delivery.

An Opportunity for System-Level Impact: WellStar Health System offers an environment where your work directly impacts millions of lives. As a national leader in healthcare transformation, they are committed to innovative care models and expanding access to high-quality care. The VP of Accounting will play an instrumental role in guiding the financial integration of new facilities, strategic acquisitions, and major capital investments. This is your opportunity to step into an organization that values mission-driven stewardship and to have a direct, high-visibility impact on the strategic growth and financial health of the largest health system in Georgia, ensuring our resources align with our commitment to the community.

This executive opportunity is based in Marietta, Georgia, a highly desirable community just northwest of Atlanta. Marietta offers a compelling blend of historic charm, modern suburban amenities, and easy access to a major metropolitan area. Centered around the historic Marietta Square, residents enjoy a vibrant community with local shops, diverse dining, excellent schools, and abundant outdoor recreation, including Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. The competitive cost of living and high quality of life make Marietta an ideal location for professionals and families seeking a dynamic yet community-focused place to call home while serving in a leadership capacity at a world-class healthcare organization like WellStar.

Position Summary

Reporting directly to the Executive Vice President (EVP) of Finance/Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Wellstar Health System, the Vice President (VP) of Accounting is a part of the overall health system financial department and is responsible for directing and overseeing the accounting functions of the health system which includes: general ledger accounting, inventory accounting, fixed asset accounting, accounts payable, investment accounting, internal and external financial reporting, tax accounting and reporting, third party reserve accounting and accounting research.

The VP will be charged with establishing and maintaining, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), accounting principles, practices, procedures, and organizational initiatives. This position is also responsible for leading the Accounts Payable and Payroll departments. Furthermore, the job entails being the lead individual responsible for maintaining and enhancing the internal control environment of the health system, in collaboration with the Director of Internal Audit and other financial leaders within the health system. This position will also be the principal liaison with external auditors and actuaries. This position is a key point of contact for senior management and healthcare system management at all levels.

The VP position requires a comprehensive understanding of complex accounting principles. Additionally, this position will require strong relationship-building skills, as well as teaching, mentoring, and leadership skills for the entire accounting function. The health system controller and foundation financial manager report directly to this position. Along with the EVP and CFO, the VP of Accounting will present information to the senior management team, Audit Committee, Finance Committee, and Board of Directors as necessary.

Reporting Relationships

The VP of Accounting will report directly to the Executive Vice President (EVP) of Finance/Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Health System, as well as serve on the senior leadership team and provide input into strategic and operational opportunities.

Responsibilities

- Provides supervision, review and leadership to health system accounting, AP, and payroll personnel to ensure that a complete and accurate monthly financial ledger is compiled, an accurate set of health system financial statements are prepared monthly, complete with management's discussion and analysis of results, and the annual external audit process occurs on a timely basis, with no surprises and with little or no external audit adjustments.
- Prepares and provides all external financial reporting (e.g., tax-exempt bond reporting requirements, Internal Revenue Service Form 990, etc.) and ensures that the reporting is submitted to external agencies in accordance with promulgated time requirements.
- Performs all accounting work within the guidelines of generally accepted accounting principles, practices, and procedures.
- Confirms that inventory items and fixed asset inventories are performed and reconciled to the general ledger accounting records.
- Ensures that the accounts payable function of the organization follow all organizational policies and procedures regarding the expenditure of funds.

- Thoroughly researches, understands, and supports proper accounting guidance in complex accounting matters such as pension, professional liability reserves, third-party accounting reserves, and bad debt reserves.
- Supports the operating activities of the health system and meets and exceeds the expectations of their internal customers by providing excellent service through accounting functions.
- Ensures the payroll function of the organization follows all organizational policies and procedures.
- Build and maintain relationships with external stakeholders, such as external auditors, tax consultants, and external accounts payable and payroll vendors.
- Provides overall organizational leadership on the maintenance of an appropriate internal control environment. This leadership will work in concert with the internal audit function and other financial and operating functions of the health system.

Goals and Objectives

The following goals and objectives have been identified as priorities for this position:

- Build a reputation as a highly seasoned, professional, and trusted leader within the Wellstar Health System and community. Harvest a style that is visible, approachable, and team-oriented in such a way that the VP of Accounting is seen as a good steward of the organization.
- Establish trust and credibility within the Finance and Accounting department; be seen as a true advisor in the accounting space to the CFO and board subcommittees.
- Assess and build out a strong accounting function for the system, highlighting opportunities for mentoring and growth. Institute succession planning, talent development, and management of staff with particular emphasis on building core competencies and nurturing career progression.
- There will be numerous short-term recruitment opportunities in parallel with establishing an accounting organizational structure.
- Assist in helping to identify and resolve barriers to a fully integrated and credible financial support structure as the system continues to grow through mergers & acquisitions.
- Continue to foster a culture of customer service and shared accountability.
- This executive will be a key contributor to the RFP process for selecting the network's next Tax Auditor partner within the next year or so.

Candidate Qualifications

Education/Certification

- A bachelor's degree in finance or accounting is required.
- A master's degree in business administration or management is preferred.
- Certified Treasury Professional (CTP), Certified Financial Analyst (CFA), or Certified Public Accountant (CPA) preferred.

Knowledge and Work Experience

- A minimum of ten years of treasury and financial leadership in healthcare is required.
- Proficient in decision support systems, databases, and other software tools for informed financial decision-making. Process complex data sets to identify trends, forecast financial scenarios, and optimize cash flow management. Streamline investment management, liquidity management, and transaction processing, enhancing operational efficiency and reducing manual workload.
- Knowledge of finance concepts such as cost accounting, strategic budgeting, and financial statements to ensure financial resources are aligned with the organization's long-term objectives, facilitating growth and enhancing operational efficiency.
- Knowledge of local, state, and federal regulatory requirements related to the functional area to identify and mitigate compliance, financial, and operational risks that could arise from non-compliance.
- Knowledge of principles and practices of organization, administration, fiscal, and personnel management to ensure efficient department operations and effective financial oversight. Demonstrated leadership of the treasury department to support strategic financial planning and enhance the organization's financial stability.

Leadership Skills and Competencies

- Builds a culture of trust and engagement as reflected in the Great Place to Work Trust Index Survey at a direct report, workgroup, and hospital/entity level.
- Holds leaders accountable for behaviors that create trust and engagement.
- Performs all duties and responsibilities of this position in a manner that reflects the values of Wellstar.
- Maintains and strengthens relationships with physicians and assures their involvement in developing systems to assure the growth of the service and the cost-effective delivery of quality patient care in a manner that fosters patient and employee satisfaction.
- Sets challenging and productive goals for the team.
- Holds team accountable for actions while providing leadership and motivation.
- Provides resources and support.
- Uses checkpoints and data to track progress, setting up systems and processes to measure results.
- Works collaboratively and as a team member with hospital leadership. Partners with Human Resources to achieve desired organizational culture, staffing, and workforce metrics.
- Fosters positive working relationships between staff and physicians across the health system.
- Fosters a culture that focuses on patient satisfaction, safety, customer service, staff participation, collaboration, motivation, and effective communication.

Organization Overview

Wellstar Health System

Nationally ranked and locally recognized for high-quality care, inclusive culture, and exceptional doctors and caregivers. With over 30,000 team members, Wellstar Health System is one of Georgia's largest and most integrated healthcare systems. State-of-the-art facilities include:

- 11 hospitals
- 2,729 licensed beds
- 329+ medical offices
- 11 cancer centers
- 90+ rehabilitation centers
- 3 hospice facilities
- 2 senior living centers
- 35 medical imaging centers
- 20 urgent care locations
- 5 health parks

Decades of Distinction:

Wellstar consistently receives attention and accolades from national organizations that set standards for world-class care. Wellstar has been recognized with awards from organizations such as the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and the Georgia Hospital Association (GHA) and has been named to the Partnership for Health and Accountability (PHA) Quality Honor Roll. Wellstar has also garnered recognition for exceptional expertise in clinical areas such as heart, cancer, and neurological care. Below are the most recent awards:

- GHA Circle of Excellence Award, 2021
- [Georgia Trend Magazine Top Doctors](#) (2021) - 130 Physicians Recognized
- [Atlanta Magazine Top Doctors](#) (2020) - 79 Physicians Recognized
- GHA Patient Safety & Quality Summit Award; Medication Safety (2019)
- GHA Patient Safety & Quality Summit Award; Hospital/Health System (2019)
- Fortune 100 Best Companies to Work For® 2025.
- Named to Fortune's 100 Best Workplaces for Women, Fortune's Best Workplaces in Healthcare and Biopharma in 2021, and Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For in 2021
- Every year, Wellstar serves more than 600,000 patients through its emergency departments. Wellstar sees more emergency patients than any other health system in Georgia. Additionally, Wellstar North Fulton operates the busiest emergency department in the state.

To see a complete list of awards and recognition, click [here](#)

Other Entities of Wellstar Health System

Wellstar Kennestone Regional Medical

Wellstar Kennestone Regional Medical Center (Kennestone) in Marietta, Georgia, is known as a regional destination for world-class healthcare. The 633-bed flagship facility of Wellstar Health System offers patients a state-of-the-art cardiac program, advanced neurosciences surgery and radiology, innovative cancer treatment, and a regionally recognized NICU. The hospital also includes the only designated Level I Trauma Center in northwest Atlanta and is one of the busiest in the state. Kennestone is led by a highly talented leadership team and nearly 6,000 dedicated team members, as well as 198 GME Residents. Included in the Kennestone operations are three (3) health parks, one (1) LTACH, and a 20-bed Inpatient Rehab Unit.

Wellstar Kennestone Regional Medical Center has been recognized as one of Healthgrades 100 Best Critical Care Hospitals and honored with the Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses PRISM Award. Other recent distinctions include the prestigious “3 Star” quality rating from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, designation as an American Heart Association/American Stroke Association Target Stroke Facility, accreditation from the Society of Chest Pain Centers, designation as a UnitedHealth Premium Specialty Center in Total Joint Replacement, and designation as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence.

Kennestone Statistics:

- 152,000 ED visits
- 347,000 outpatient visits
- 1,500-member medical staff
- 23,000 surgical procedures
- 38,000 admissions
- 6,500 births
- 4,000 trauma patients

Wellstar Windy Hill Hospital

Wellstar Windy Hill Hospital is a 115-bed facility located in Marietta, Georgia. The hospital is known for its Long-Term Acute Care (LTAC) program, specialized surgical services, and interventional radiology expertise, which includes its minimally invasive Center for Fibroid Care. In addition, Windy Hill's orthopedic center offers comprehensive outpatient care, including total knee and hip joint replacements, as well as world-class pediatric orthopedic services.

Wellstar Medical College of Georgia

The most recent addition to Wellstar Health System is Augusta University Health (AU Health), a world-class healthcare network located in Augusta, Georgia. AU Health will now be known as Wellstar MCG Health (WMCG). WMCG offers the most comprehensive primary, specialty, and subspecialty care in the region. WMCG provides skilled, compassionate care to its patients, conducts leading-edge clinical research, and fosters the medical and clinical education and training of tomorrow's healthcare practitioners, including physicians, nurses, and allied health trainees.

Being an academic health center, WMCG has three primary missions: patient care, education, and research. It provides a full range of clinical services and maintains the infrastructure to foster education and research.

Physicians have been recruited from across the country to provide outstanding world-class care due to their most up-to-date knowledge and training. Many of their healthcare professionals train the next generation of caregivers,

while others conduct pioneering research that improves medical diagnosis, treatments, and technology, bringing the medicine of tomorrow to patient care today, with an emphasis on patient- and family-centered care.

Outstanding clinical service lines have been focused on oncology, neurology, cardiology, pediatrics, and orthopedics. Other services include neurosciences, transplants, digestive care, women's health, and virtual care. Given its location and the surrounding rural counties, several rural health initiatives are available.

In addition to providing care in the Augusta area, WMCG physicians travel to satellite practice sites throughout Georgia, demonstrating the organization's commitment to caring for people across the state and region. The affiliation with Wellstar Health is expected to enhance healthcare access and expand physician training opportunities across Wellstar Health facilities.

WMCG's thriving academic health center is affiliated with the following entities:

Augusta University – Augusta University's Health Sciences Campus is composed of the Colleges of Allied Health, Dental Medicine, Graduate Studies, and Nursing, and the Medical College of Georgia. The Medical College of Georgia is the nation's 13th-oldest and sixth-largest medical school, with an average of 264 students per year and a total of 930 medical students.

Graduate Medical Education – The Medical College of Georgia, along with its affiliations with teaching hospitals, trains approximately 572 residents and fellows.

Faculty Group Practice Plans – Group Practice Plans include AU Medical Associates, AU Dental Associates, the Allied Health Practice Group, and the School of Nursing Faculty Practice Group.

Wellstar Columbia County Hospital

Wellstar Columbia County Medical Center, currently under construction in Grovetown, Georgia, will be a 100-bed acute care hospital featuring a Level II Trauma Center within its emergency department. The facility will encompass approximately 250,000 square feet and is scheduled to open in 2026. Adjacent to the hospital, a 90,000-square-foot medical office building will offer services in women's health and other specialties. This development addresses the healthcare needs of Columbia County.

Wellstar Cobb Hospital

Located just 20 minutes outside of Atlanta in Cobb County, Wellstar Cobb Hospital is a leader in healthcare. The 387-bed facility offers comprehensive services for the entire family, from birth to geriatric care. The Family Birthplace at Wellstar Cobb offers a family-centered approach to care, featuring an outstanding medical team of obstetricians and pediatricians, along with the amenities of labor and delivery, recovery rooms, a Level II Trauma and Burn Center, and a Level III NICU.

Wellstar West Georgia Health System

Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center, a 276-bed, full-service hospital, has provided healthcare services to residents of West Georgia and East Alabama for over 75 years. In addition to the medical center, the health system includes two skilled nursing facilities with a shared total of 266 licensed beds, Enoch Callaway Cancer Treatment Center, Georgia Heart Clinic, a 92-apartment retirement community, a 16-bed inpatient hospice home, and a full suite of outpatient services including home health, home hospice, laboratory, occupational medicine, rehabilitation, and wound care. Recently, Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center was named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Watson Health. Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center is a Level IV Trauma Center. West Georgia Medical Center's Emergency Department has received accreditation as a Chest Pain Center with Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) from The Joint Commission, recognizing the excellent and

comprehensive care provided to patients with cardiac conditions. They have earned the Healthgrades Patient Safety Excellence Award, Top 10% in The Country.

Wellstar North Fulton Medical Center

Wellstar North Fulton Medical Center has served North Fulton and the surrounding communities since 1983. Licensed for 218 beds, it is a state-designated Level II Trauma Center that provides a wide continuum of services, including neurosciences, women's health, orthopedics, rehabilitation, stroke care, surgical services, gastroenterology, and oncology.

Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital

Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital (SRH) includes the regional medical center and a critical access hospital. SRH is a 160-bed acute care facility that has been serving the residents of Spalding, Pike, Lamar, Butts, and Henry counties for over 100 years. Services include joint replacement, Primary Stroke Center, interventional cardiology, imaging, radiology, oncology, and other outpatient services.

Wellstar Paulding Medical Center

Firmly rooted in Paulding County and proudly integrated into the community's history, Wellstar Paulding Medical Center is a 112-bed hospital designed with patient care in mind, offering the region's safest, most sustainable care. Filled with natural light and featuring innovative, safety-oriented designs, the new eight-floor, 295,000-square-foot hospital is one of the first in the country to utilize a geothermal energy system, harnessing the heat from below the Earth's surface to provide heating and cooling for the hospital. Wellstar Paulding is a full-service acute care hospital offering a range of services, including Cardiovascular Services, Emergency, Neurosciences, Oncology, Orthopedics, Radiology, Rehabilitation, Critical Care/ICU, Inpatient Surgery, and more.

Wellstar Douglas Hospital

Located in Douglasville, Georgia, Wellstar Douglas Hospital continues to meet the healthcare demands and needs of the community's more than 120,000 residents. With 102 beds, state-of-the-art medical services and facilities, and a medical staff specializing in a wide variety of fields, this community-based hospital's capabilities are exceptional.

Wellstar Sylvan Grove Hospital

Wellstar Sylvan Grove Hospital is a 25-bed critical access hospital that has been serving the medical and health needs of residents in Butts County for 50 years. It features a 24-hour emergency room, rehabilitation services, outpatient diagnostic tests, physical/occupational/speech therapies, as well as other services.

Wellstar Health Parks and Ambulatory Care Centers

Wellstar's Health Parks initiative involves the development of community-based outpatient care centers to be strategically located for convenient access within the northwest Atlanta metro area. Each Health Park may be slightly different in the services provided but should contain some or all of the following: office space for primary care, pediatric and specialty physicians, outpatient surgery, diagnostic imaging and lab services, urgent care, primary care and specialty outpatient services such as cardiac, oncology, physical rehabilitation, and women's health. The system also plans to focus on the overall health and wellness of the community, not only through clinical services but also by providing complementary services such as chronic disease management, complementary medicine, screenings, fitness programs, and educational resources.

Currently, there are five large full-service Health Parks, including the Acworth Health Park, the East Cobb Health Park, the Vinings Health Park, the Avalon Health Park, and the Cherokee Health Park. Additional facilities and services include 17 urgent care centers and 20 diagnostic imaging centers. Many of these are integrated with Wellstar Medical Group clinic sites.

Wellstar Medical Group

With more than 400 locations, Wellstar Medical Group is a physician-led medical group that includes over 2,000 community-based, employed providers representing 40+ specialties. In fiscal year 2023, Wellstar Medical Group had 2.8 million patient encounters, with over 40 percent occurring in primary care, 35 percent in medical and surgical specialties, and the balance in hospital-based specialties

The medical group's roots date back to 1994, when Wellstar Health System launched Wellstar Physicians Group with the goal of creating a truly integrated health system where hospital-employed physicians work together with System leaders toward common goals. As a commitment to its physicians, the Physician Leadership Academy provides support in developing the next generation of physician leaders.

More than two decades later, the Wellstar Medical Group serves as a seamless continuum of healthcare services, including primary and specialty care, acute care, and ambulatory care, set in easily accessible ambulatory locations. For the patient, this means better care coordination, the convenience of scheduling, co-location of specialties, and the elimination of duplication through the sharing of key demographic and clinical information.

Included are the following:

- 400+ patient care locations
- Over 2,000 employed providers
- Approximately 5,300 total employees
- Over 40 specialties
- 18 urgent care centers
- Outpatient services including medical imaging, wound care, physical and cardiac rehabilitation
- On-site employee childcare center

Wellstar Health Partners (Clinically Integrated Network)

Wellstar Health Network has been selected to participate in the Medicare Shared Savings Program, Accountable Care Organization (ACO), a multifaceted new program sponsored by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Through the Shared Savings Program, Wellstar Health Network will collaborate with CMS to deliver high-quality services to Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries. It includes both Wellstar Medical Group physicians and non-employed physicians who wish to participate with Wellstar in these initiatives.

Wellstar Mayo Clinic Care Network

WellStar has joined the Mayo Clinic Care Network, a growing network of like-minded organizations that share a commitment to better serving patients and their families. WellStar providers will now have round-the-clock access to Mayo-vetted medical information and guidelines through a web-based provider resource.

Wellstar Health Plan

In 2023, WellStar made a strategic decision that the time was right to launch its own health plan. The population in WellStar's service area is approximately 1.2 million, many of whom use WellStar providers and sites for their healthcare needs. Wellstar believes its own health plan can address an unmet need in the marketplace for a high-

quality plan at a reasonable cost, leveraging its broad network of services and providers. Wellstar has invested over \$500 million in its digital operating model, which the health plan can leverage to better serve patients and members through its product offerings.

Wellstar Research Institute

Wellstar's clinical research program strives to improve the lives of its patients, physicians, and community. Since 2011, the Wellstar Research Institute (WRI) has been the centralized research administration arm of Wellstar Health System. Its work contributes to the development of innovative therapies and the overall advancement of medical science. WRI supports all Wellstar team members and its Wellstar Clinical Partner (WCP) affiliates who conduct research. WRI also advocates for the protection of patients who heroically volunteer as research subjects in clinical trials. Wellstar team members have extensive experience in research, and these studies have led to significant advancements in disease treatment and clinical practice. Today, more than 100 Wellstar team members and affiliate partners participate in more than 300 research projects.

Wellstar Foundation

For over 15 years, the Wellstar Foundation has served as a supporting organization for Wellstar Health System. As a not-for-profit health system, it is its responsibility to give back to the community. It does this by providing quality care to its patients and through the foundation's support. Of the tax-deductible contributions made to the Foundation, 100 percent is reinvested into services and programs for the underserved in its communities and into enhancing the facilities at Wellstar.

How Wellstar Gives Back

Wellstar Foundation - Since 1985, the community has invested millions of dollars through the Foundation to ensure that every resident of Georgia has access to quality care. As a not-for-profit health system, their passion for people extends beyond their walls and into the communities they serve. Their vision is to ignite the passion of donors and partners, accelerating healthcare **innovation** and **wellness** to **create a healthier future for all**.

Wellstar provides more than \$950 million annually in unreimbursed care to the community - a number that is expected to increase with Wellstar's expanded footprint.

Through its robust Community Education & Outreach Department, Wellstar connects with more than 200,000 community members annually at Wellstar health fairs, mobile markets, school health programs, car seat safety checks, and other community events.

For additional information, visit <http://www.Wellstar.org>.

The Community

Marietta, Georgia

Wellstar Health System is located in Marietta, Georgia, situated just north of Atlanta and south of the North Georgia Mountains. Marietta serves as the county seat in the center of Cobb County, Georgia. Thanks to Interstate 75, U.S. Highway 41, and many state routes, Marietta offers easy access to all points.

Established in 1834, Marietta is a vibrant city that offers world-class amenities while preserving its important ties to the past.

Marietta offers its residents and visitors beautiful parks, quaint streets, Victorian homes, and historic sites. Area shopping and progressive businesses are also found here. Multiple local attractions, sporting events, festivals, and industries offer visitors a range of exciting activities and opportunities to conduct business.

As of the 2020 census, Marietta had a total population of 60,972, making it one of the Atlanta metropolitan area's largest suburbs. Marietta is the fourth largest of the principal cities in the Atlanta metropolitan statistical area.

Atlanta, Georgia, situated in the geographic center of the Southeast, is the nation's eighth-largest metropolitan area and home to the world's busiest airport. The city of Atlanta is home to more than 496,000 people, and over 6.1 million reside in the Atlanta metro area. Atlanta is a regional, national, and global center for business operations of all kinds – from headquarters to life sciences, from distribution centers to traditional manufacturing.

For additional information, visit:

www.mariettaga.gov/city/residents/newresident
www.mariettaga.gov

Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta, Georgia, situated in the geographic center of the Southeast, is the nation's eighth-largest metropolitan area and boasts the world's busiest airport. The city of Atlanta is home to more than 490,000 people, and over 6.1 million reside in the greater Atlanta metro area.



Metro Atlanta is a regional, national, and global hub for

business operations, home to over 137,000 businesses. With a gross domestic product (GDP) of \$406 billion, Atlanta has the tenth-largest economy of cities in the United States and the 20th largest in the world. Its economy is considered diverse, with dominant sectors in industries including transportation, aerospace, logistics,

healthcare, news and media operations, film and television production, information technology, finance, biomedical research, and public policy.

Atlanta is truly a world-class city, offering a diverse range of living options that span from the bustling downtown area to more rural areas just a short distance away. There is something for everyone: dining, culture, arts, and professional, collegiate, and amateur sports. With its delightfully mild, four-season climate and forested topography, it's no wonder that people are continually drawn to call it home. A short drive from Atlanta reveals natural wonders like Stone Mountain Park, Providence Canyon State Park, and Lake Lanier. Atlanta is the gateway of the New South, offering a unique blend of big-city entertainment and Southern hospitality.

For those seeking a more relaxed lifestyle, outside of Atlanta proper, there are numerous communities to suit one's particular lifestyle. Alpharetta, Marietta, Buford, and Sandy Springs all offer easy access to Atlanta without the city's bustle and feature beautiful scenery in abundance. The areas surrounding Atlanta encompass a diverse range of attractions, from national parks (Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Amicalola Falls) to beautiful lakes (Allatoona Lake, Lake Sidney Lanier), art museums, fine dining, and world-class barbecue.

Atlanta's vibrant economic growth attracts hundreds of companies and thousands of well-educated job seekers annually. The area's low cost of living, high employment, and strong, diverse industry base will ensure its continued record-setting growth. Metro Atlanta's openness has proven to be an alluring magnet for the world's foremost companies.

Metro Atlanta ranks among the top five in the nation in net new job growth over the last decade, adding nearly 460,000 new jobs, and is forecasted to be the third-largest job generator over the next decade.

One of Atlanta's oldest and most well-known companies, The Coca-Cola Company, began its journey in Atlanta when Dr. John Pemberton, an Atlanta pharmacist, created the Coca-Cola soft drink formula in a brass kettle in his backyard to develop a tonic for headaches. The Coca-Cola Company was incorporated in Atlanta in 1888 and is now one of the top 100 companies in the United States by revenue. Turner Broadcasting and Cox Communications both have their corporate headquarters in Atlanta. In the 1970's and 80's, companies and organizations such as Home Depot, Georgia-Pacific, and the American Cancer Society moved their headquarters to Atlanta – and the trend has continued throughout the past decade with UPS, the world's largest shipper, ING Americas, Holiday Inn and InterContinental Hotels, CARE International, Philips Consumer Electronics, GE Energy, Porsche Cars North America, Novelis, and Spectrum Brands (Rayovac Batteries) all moving their headquarters to Atlanta in the last ten years.

Metro Atlanta is also home to the world-renowned U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, the Arthritis Foundation, as well as several distinguished universities, including Emory University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, and Morehouse School of Medicine.

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Procedure for Candidacy

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