

# PRISMA HEALTH<sup>SM</sup>

## President, Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Institute Prisma Health

### Leadership Profile

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## The Opportunity

Prisma Health seeks a distinguished and visionary physician executive with a reputation for exceptional leadership in Orthopedics to serve as the inaugural President of the Prisma Health Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Institute. This position presents a unique and outstanding opportunity for a dynamic and enterprising physician leader to shape a long-term vision and establish the newly formed Institute as a destination for orthopedics and sports medicine care, both within the state and for the region.

Established in 2017 through the merger of Greenville Health System and Palmetto Health, Prisma Health was created to best serve patients and their families. Today, the System has three regions: Columbia/Sumter (the Midlands), Greenville (the Upstate), and the recent acquisition of Blount Memorial Hospital in Eastern Tennessee. Prisma Health, comprised of 19 hospitals, the almost 4,000 provider Prisma Health Medical Group and numerous clinical sites, generates annual revenues close to \$7 billion. Over 30,000 dedicated team members represent the organization's most valuable resource: its people. These individuals are the backbone supporting the organization's ability to thrive and to live out the words of its purpose statement: Inspire health. Serve with compassion. Be the difference.

The Institute will be comprised of adult and pediatric orthopedics, primary care sports medicine, and physical medicine and rehabilitation (PM&R) and is supported by over 200 master clinicians along with 50+ residents and fellows and over 600 support staff. This world class team is making a profound impact, with over 600,000 office visits and 38,000 surgeries reported in FY24. Prisma Health's network includes level 1 trauma, orthopedic oncology, sports medicine, same-day walk-ins, adult reconstruction, and two children's hospitals. The team enjoys a large athletic training network that manages the vast majority of universities and colleges in the state of South Carolina.

Prisma Health seeks to bring their expansive multi-disciplinary team into one entity under the institute, and this physician leader represents a unique opportunity to unify the related orthopedic and sports medicine services into one integrated program. The President will be a visionary leader who will collaborate with stakeholders to develop an operating model for the future of orthopedic care, education, and research. They will navigate the complexities of this expansive health system, driving strategic initiatives that elevate clinical performance and advance clinical services while fostering a culture of inclusivity and empowerment across all levels.

The ideal candidates will be an outstanding and demonstrated servant leader with the ability to effectively align, manage, and develop a vision for the Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Institute. They will have a thorough understanding of complex multi-facility health systems and have previous success in leading accomplished orthopedic programs. This physician executive will have a track record of success in recruitment, improving operational performance, and enhancing culture while developing excellent physician relationships in a highly complex system and expansive geographical environment. Candidates must possess an M.D. or equivalent degree and be board certified in orthopedic surgery. Additionally, candidates must be eligible for academic appointment at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine.

## Organization Overview

### Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Institute

The Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Institute is designed to integrate multiple disciplines, including orthopedic surgery, pediatric orthopedics, orthopedic oncology, primary care sports medicine, and physical medicine & rehabilitation. Built on a foundation of clinical excellence, the Institute will prioritize a seamless and superior patient experience, ensuring timely access to specialized care. By fostering collaboration among experts across these fields, the Institute will drive innovation in treatment and improve outcomes for patients. With a commitment to excellence and accessibility, the Institute aims to serve as a national leader in Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, setting new standards for integrated care and transformative discoveries.

The Institute is organized into the following divisions:

- [Athletic Training](#)
- [Hand and Upper Extremity Orthopedics](#)
- [Orthopedic Oncology](#)
- [Orthopedics Trauma Surgery](#)
- [Same-day Orthopedic Care](#)
- [Spine](#)
- [Foot and Ankle Orthopedics](#)
- [Joint Replacement](#)
- [Orthopedic Rehabilitation](#)
- [Pediatric Orthopedics](#)
- [Shoulder Orthopedics](#)
- [Sports Medicine](#)

### Orthopedic Surgery

A team of 200 specialized physicians and advanced practice providers across Prisma Health offer a variety of care for bones, joints, and muscles. The orthopedic team performed 37,000 surgeries and saw over 582,000 outpatient visits in FY24. Total joint, hand, spine, shoulder, and general orthopedic surgeries are performed at the Prisma Health Convenient Cares, Prisma Hospitals and Orthopedic Surgery Centers. Prisma Health has multiple level 1 trauma centers and surgeons are fully prepared to care for complex periarticular fractures, pelvis and acetabular fractures, post-fracture deformity corrections and nonunion repairs. Pediatric orthopedic surgeons provide care for children throughout the system.

Prisma Health offers two fully accredited five-year Orthopedic Surgery Residency programs with four positions per year: one in Columbia and one in Greenville. Greenville and Columbia also offer multiple fellowships in orthopedic trauma, adult reconstruction, and sports medicine – orthopedic surgery.

### Sports Medicine

Sports Medicine clinicians at Prisma Health provide care for every level of activity from high-performance athletics to recreational sports for people of all ages. Doctors in the program see all nonsurgical musculoskeletal issues as well as sports-related medical issues related to female athletes. Columbia offers fellowship training in sports medicine – primary care.

[The Women's Sports Medicine and Musculoskeletal Health](#) program is a collaborative group of providers in the Upstate region who support and meet the needs of active and athletic women of all ages and all levels of performance. Prisma Health also offers a comprehensive [Bone Health](#) program including evaluation, referral, and individualized treatment plans for Osteoporosis.

One of the southeast's largest athletic trainer networks can be found in middle and high schools across South Carolina and Eastern Tennessee, in addition to local and regional colleges. Prisma Health is responsible for approximately 38,000 high school student athletes and provide services to eight NCAA Division 1, Division II, and NAIA institutions and professional teams. Prisma Health is proud to serve as the official team physicians

for the Clemson Tigers, USC Gamecocks, Columbia Fireflies, Greenville Drive, Greenville Liberty, and South Carolina United FC. Prisma Health Orthopedics offers a CAATE-accredited [Athletic Training Residency Program](#).

## Prisma Health

Prisma Health is the largest not-for-profit health organization in South Carolina and now operates in Tennessee, serving more than 1.5 million patients annually and comprises three regions: Prisma Health - Columbia/Sumter (Midlands) Region, Prisma Health - Greenville (Upstate) Region, and Prisma Health – Eastern Tennessee. Together, they are dedicated to improving the health of all communities served by enhancing clinical quality, patient experience, and access to value-based care. With over 30,000 team members, physicians, and volunteers, Prisma Health is the state's largest private employer. In addition, as one of the largest health systems in the country, Prisma Health is committed to academic and clinical research excellence and is focused on educating the next generation of physicians, dentists, nurses and other medical professionals. The Prisma Health executive home office is located in Greenville, South Carolina.

Academics are core to Prisma Health's work to transform healthcare, specifically in the fields of workforce development and health-related research that advances clinical care. The organization has made significant investments in undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education to meet near-term needs and shape the healthcare workforce of the future.

Education and research are deeply embedded in the history and mission of Prisma Health, with academics highlighted as one of seven elements included in the Prisma Health 2030 Strategic Plan. It defines a critical and exciting role for academics: To support its clinical mission with an applied approach that fosters teaching and learning, explores innovative opportunities, improves outcomes, and inspires health to support the transformation of healthcare and contribute to improving the health status of South Carolina and Tennessee residents. Prisma Health proudly supports 27 residency programs with over 637 residents and 27 fellowship programs training 80 fellows, fostering excellence in medical education and advanced clinical practice.

There is an intentional alignment of the clinical and academic missions to improve the development of the educational mission to meet workforce needs by graduating health professionals. Prisma Health is consistently focused on delivering high-value care in pursuit of the quadruple aim but also to integrate research programs into care processes that will lead to innovations around the most pressing healthcare needs. Academics within Prisma Health is more than just a mechanism to achieve national recognition, obtain grant funding, and produce published knowledge. Education and research are intended to be an increasingly systematic approach to problem-solving at Prisma Health that is used to produce the workforce of the future and to evaluate the effectiveness of existing healthcare approaches to guide the development of new models of care.

Information about Prisma Health can be found at <http://prismahealth.org>.

## Prisma Health Medical Group

Prisma Health Medical Group (PHMG) is a large multispecialty, clinically integrated medical group providing a broad range of clinical services with nearly six million visits in FY2024. The medical group employs over 2,300 physicians, approximately 1,400 advanced practitioners, and 3,550 staff members. As part of the System's and PHMG's rapid expansion, approximately 300 physicians joined the team in FY24. Operating revenues of the medical group are currently over \$1.8 billion for FY23. The medical group's primary care physicians and APCs are complemented by a broad array of highly trained physicians that span 148 different specialties in 23 clinical departments working across 330 clinic sites. These clinical departments are interconnected through a service line-based model that ties multiple specialties to improve quality outcomes, value, and promote a multidisciplinary approach.

To meet the needs of the patient populations through South Carolina and Tennessee, Prisma Health Medical Group operates across the Midlands Region, Upstate Region and Eastern Tennessee. The Upstate Region is comprised of 1,459 physicians, 954 APPs and 2,200 support staff members. The Midlands is comprised of over 668 physicians and 346 APPs, with a support staff of nearly 1,300 team members located across 129 practice sites. Most recently joined is the Eastern Tennessee Region, which includes 200 physicians and 150 APPs across 20 locations in Blount and Monroe County.

The values of the medical group are Service, Excellence, Professionalism, Partnership, Integrity, Accountability, and Transparency. The medical group represents over 23 counties in South Carolina and Tennessee and understands they are a significant employer in the communities they serve.

## Position Summary

The President of the Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Institute plays a vital role in shaping and executing the healthcare delivery strategy of the Institute, including orthopedics surgery, sports medicine primary care, and PM&R, along with supporting clinical and administrative functions. The President will oversee clinical programs and financial management, advance clinical research initiatives, and facilitate seamless collaboration and integration among departments to deliver innovative, coordinated, and effective care to patients.

This leader will partner with key stakeholders to develop a strategic plan aimed at driving comprehensive orthopedic and sports medicine health programs to new levels of success through the growth of clinical programs and integration of innovative treatments. The President will be responsible for the formation and management of the Institute's quality performance, defining standards of care, enhancing patient care quality, and promoting best practices. Furthermore, the President will establish strong collaborative relationships and alignment among the specialty programs within the Institute, external partnerships and across Prisma Health in an effort to establish a consistent and high-quality patient experience.

## Reporting Relationships

The Institute President reports to the President of the Prisma Health Medical Group. Reporting to the Institute President are the Chairs and physician leaders of the Orthopedics, Sports Medicine and PM&R departments. This leader will work in a dyad partnership with the Orthopedics Administrative Director and will work closely with other clinical and system level leaders.

## Responsibilities

The successful President candidate:

- Maintains an environment within the Institutes that fulfills the system goals of safe, effective, efficient, timely, patient-centered, and accessible care. Foster a culture that places an emphasis on the highest levels of professional and patient satisfaction.
- Continuously evolves the Institute's standards of care to advance outcomes and treatment while supporting the use of innovative procedures, techniques, and testing.
- Builds on the current clinical strengths of the institute, including attention to quality of care and service; strategically guide the outreach of current clinical programs to gain a larger presence in the region.
- Identifies opportunities for growth of the Departments and leads recruitment of faculty to improve patient access and expand the spectrum of services.
- Continues to optimize and maximize sports medicine programs throughout the region, including relationships with high schools, colleges, amateur leagues, and professional teams.
- Directs the development of appropriate outreach programs to enhance the delivery of care in the region.
- Develops and maintains high standards of professional practice and a culture of transparency and accountability.
- Serves as the financial steward for the Institute, ensuring proper fiscal management while maintaining accountability.

- Promotes professional development among existing faculty members and attracts highly motivated and exceptional faculty, trainees, staff, and students to the Institute.
- Establishes and maintains a synergistic relationship with referring physicians and APCs that is built upon credibility, trust, respect, and positive relationships.
- Ensures excellence in teaching among students and fellows who are receiving education and training within the Institute. Maintains oversight of continued medical education for faculty.
- Promotes and fosters a culture to grow, enhance, and stimulate scholarly and research activities.
- Advances professional knowledge and personal competence through professional organizations, conferences, and publications.

## Opportunities and Expectations of Leadership

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

- Establish credibility as a leader, clinician and communicator across the Institute, Schools of Medicine, and System. Serve as an advocate for the Institute throughout the organization and as the public face of Orthopedics in the community.
- Develop a keen understanding of the dynamic academic environment of the School of Medicine and Prisma Health. Build relationships across the System with operational, clinical and research leaders and form partnerships with institute leaders, chairs and other leaders across the organization.
- Sustain and expand Prisma Health's market leadership in orthopedics and sports medicine by developing and advancing innovative care models, including next-generation ambulatory surgery center (ASC) strategies, alternative sites of care, and scalable service delivery approaches that ensure continued competitiveness and growth.
- Assess the current recruiting needs, identifying areas of opportunity to recruit both faculty and support staff to improve patient access and a rapidly growing population in the Southeast.
- Drive systemwide alignment across regions and practice groups within the Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Institute by establishing shared strategic priorities, standardized performance metrics, and a unified operating and clinical platform that balances local differentiation with system integration.
- Articulate a unifying vision and strategic plan for the Institute to further expand clinical care, outreach, and operational management and, in addition, strengthen the educational and research pillars.
- Position Prisma Health as the regional destination for sports medicine by deepening strategic relationships with local universities and athletic programs, expanding clinical, imaging, and performance services, and elevating brand presence across professional, collegiate, and community sports environments.
- Build upon the Institute's excellent track record as the preferred learning environment for students and trainees seeking internships and residency programs providing innovative medical education that meets and exceeds accrediting requirements.
- Invigorate the faculty through a vibrant vision for a nationally distinguished and contemporary Orthopedics Institute. Developing a cohesive team among the Department's faculty, building an atmosphere of community and collaboration through transparent leadership and open dialogue across all faculty members.
- Developing a strategic assessment and implementation plan for the Institute that further builds capabilities in clinical care delivery, providing effective outreach to the region in coordination with other clinical departments and service lines.
- Promote faculty development which will enable all faculty members to reach their full potential and foster an environment that is supportive and leads to high morale and engagement of faculty and staff.
- Actively oversee and promote quality improvement, customer service, patient safety, risk management and enhance medical management strategies and interventions designed to produce optimal quality outcomes with efficient use of clinical resources.
- Build upon the Institute's current research programs and expand research programs and scholarship.

## Candidate Qualifications

### Education/Certification

- An M.D. or D.O. from an accredited institution with board certification in Orthopedic Surgery.
- Eligible for licensure in the state of South Carolina.
- Master's degree in business administration or public health is welcome.
- Eligible for academic appointment at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine.

### Knowledge and Experience

- A minimum of ten (10) years of leadership responsibilities in orthopedics or sports medicine.
- Personal values system and style that reflect and model the mission, vision, and values of Prisma Health.
- Outstanding skills as a clinician or surgeon with a high level of "street credibility" as a clinician amongst their peers.
- Ability to build and leverage relationships with physicians, providers, and front-line staff.
- Proven capacity to assemble and direct teams, cultivate robust relationships with external stakeholders, and form strong connections with individuals.
- Personal characteristics associated with an executive including self-confidence, political savvy, intelligence, maturity, commitment, creativity, enthusiasm, sensitivity, patience, flexibility, integrity, and tolerance for ambiguity.
- History of sports medicine leadership and affiliating with major universities and sports teams.
- Leads through a hands-on approach, with the capability to be decisive, intuitive, and results oriented. Understands the need for processes but is not constrained by them and fosters a culture that embodies this mentality.
- Demonstrated expertise in entrepreneurial clinical program development, coupled with a proven record of successful leadership.
- A dedication to clinical excellence founded upon a patient-focused model of care and the patient experience.
- Proven success in recruitment and retention of personnel, with a background in mentoring junior staff, providing support to senior faculty, and assisting independent physicians.

### Leadership Skills and Competencies

- **Communicates Effectively.** Is an active listener who seeks ideas and input from others; encourages open, timely, and transparent communication, and the dynamic exchange of ideas; is adept at representing the organization with any audience.
- **Focuses on Quality, Safety, and Patient Satisfaction.** Demonstrates a commitment to high quality clinical care, and the tireless and consistent pursuit of clinical excellence.

- ***Aligns Culturally with Prisma Health's Purpose.*** Understands and appreciates the value of a not-for-profit, mission-driven healthcare organization.
- ***Inspires and Motivates.*** Serves as an aspirational guidepost of the organization; finds a way to connect and provide personal leadership to a distributed, diverse, and committed organization; has demonstrated abilities to mobilize an organization around focused goals and objectives, while improving team member experience and engagement.
- ***Advances Innovation and Transformation.*** Creates and fosters an environment that encourages innovation, transformation, and calculated risk-taking; demonstrates unwavering commitment to improvement.
- ***Leverages Strong Financial Acumen.*** Understands and appreciates financial planning and management; capable of thinking strategically about financial implications and alternatives as it relates to business planning and strategies.
- ***Drives Results.*** Consistently achieves desired results, even under challenging circumstances; leads and drives high performance (financial operations, quality/safety, satisfaction, etc.), change, and innovation through people and accountability structures.
- ***Collaborates and Integrates.*** Recognizes the importance of partnerships, builds relationships (internally and externally), and works collaboratively with others (individuals and organizations) to meet shared goals.
- ***Builds Strong Teams.*** Demonstrates a track record and passion for developing organizational capacity through the attraction, engagement, and development of top talent; builds teams that apply their diverse skills and perspectives to achieve desired goals.
- ***Acts with Courage.*** Possesses the internal fortitude to address difficult decisions and circumstances.
- ***Instills Trust.*** Gains the confidence and trust of others through honesty, integrity, authenticity, and consistency of actions; acts in ways that others experience as forthright, genuine, and authentic; is a credible and visible leader at all levels of Prisma Health.

## The Community

### Columbia, South Carolina



Columbia is the capital city of South Carolina and has a population of approximately 140,000. It is home to the South Carolina State House, a Greek Revival building set in gardens dotted with monuments. Riverbanks Zoo & Garden is a huge park with animal enclosures and botanical gardens. A diverse collection spanning centuries is on display at the Columbia Museum of Art. Dating to 1823, the Robert Mills House is a mansion and museum surrounded by ornate gardens. You may hear the Columbia area referred to as "The Midlands."

Greater Columbia offers a wide array of entertainment choices throughout the year, is home to the Columbia Museum of Art, South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra, Columbia City Ballet, and a myriad of performing art groups. Meanwhile, for families looking for a public school district or a private school, Greater Columbia is home to some of the South's best academic options.

*Sporting News* recognized Columbia as one of the "Best Sports Cities." The University of South Carolina is located in Columbia with its beloved Gamecocks—every home football game is sold out (in 80,000+ seat Williams Brice stadium). The Gamecocks' archrivals are the Clemson Tigers, from Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina, and each year the annual face-off sparks huge rallies and fanfare. The Benedict College Tigers have a devoted fan base as well and are members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Lake Murray, a 50,000-acre reservoir, is in Columbia's backyard, while three beautiful rivers run through its communities. By car, the ocean and mountains are both just a few hours away.



The average high for Columbia in July is 92 degrees (the warmest month) and the average high in January is 55 degrees (the coldest month). Columbia enjoys sunshine 226 days a year and gets only the occasional snowfall.

For more information on Columbia and surrounding areas, click the links below:

<https://www.columbiasc.net/>

<https://www.experiencecolumbiasc.com/>

## Greenville, South Carolina

Greenville is the largest city in the heart of South Carolina's Upcountry. "The Upstate" area is a 10-county region of northwestern South Carolina. At the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the city of Greenville is approximately halfway between Atlanta, Georgia and Charlotte, North Carolina, along Interstate 85.



Greenville is anchored by what *Forbes Magazine* calls one of America's Best Downtowns. Featuring a one-of-a-kind "floating" suspension bridge, Greenville boasts a thriving arts scene, hundreds of restaurants, shops and boutiques, popular annual festivals, numerous historic sites and museums housing significant art collections. Excellent interstate service and a user-friendly international airport (Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport, GSP) make access easy.

Greenville County was established in 1786 and named for its physical appearance, though some may argue that Greenville is named after General Nathanael Green in honor of his service in the Revolutionary War. In 1869, Greenville officially became a city, and the city boomed with new mills, railroads, and a daily newspaper. Perhaps the most important infrastructure that came to the city was cotton mills. By 1915, Greenville became known as the "Textile Center of the South."

In the last few decades, favorable wages and tax benefits have lured foreign companies to invest heavily in the area. When French tire manufacturer Michelin chose Greenville as its North American headquarters in 1986, and German automaker BMW arrived in the 1990s (bringing with it more than 30 suppliers), global interest in Greenville rose. Today, Greenville boasts more than 250 international firms from 26 different countries and has the most foreign investment per capita in the U.S. Greenville County is now home to 650+ manufacturers, 40 Fortune 500 companies and 150 headquarters.



Greenville has several colleges and universities, including Furman University and Greenville Technical College. Clemson University has a campus in Greenville called Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research, which houses a graduate program dedicated to automotive engineering. Residing on the campus of Prisma Health-Upstate, the University Of South Carolina School Of Medicine Greenville is a long-term financial partnership with Prisma Health-Upstate and is backed by two decades of partnership in providing comprehensive medical education to students

from the University of South Carolina, the state's largest public university. Clemson University's School of Nursing is also located on the Prisma Health-Upstate campus and is committed to teaching, research and service to the public. The goal of the Clemson University School of Nursing is to prepare nurses for professional practice, leadership in health care and to advance nursing knowledge.

For more information on Greenville and surrounding areas, visit: <https://www.visitgreenvillesc.com/about-greenville/>.

## Procedure for Candidacy

Please direct all inquiries, nominations and resumes to Donna Padilla and Imran Ali through the office of Fayth Hoecker via e-mail to [fhoecker@wittkieffer.com](mailto:fhoecker@wittkieffer.com).

*Prisma Health values diversity and is committed to equal opportunity for all persons regardless of age, color, disability, ethnicity, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status or any other status protected by law.*

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## Appendix

### Prisma Health - Upstate Region

Prisma Health - Upstate Region is a 1,627-bed healthcare market including eight medical campuses, a quaternary care medical center, research and education facilities, community hospitals, and numerous specialty services, more than 1,750 physicians and APCs (of which 1,100 are employed physicians) serving patients in more than 180 practices across the Upstate Region of South Carolina. Local community members support Prisma Health - Upstate market through its Office of Philanthropy. Prisma Health - Upstate is also home to 16 residency and fellowship programs, as well as a partnership with the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Greenville, and the Clemson University Center for Nursing, Health Innovation and Research. Prisma Health - Upstate Region hospitals include:



- Prisma Health Baptist Easley Hospital
- Prisma Health Greenville Memorial Hospital (includes Children's Hospital-Upstate and the Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Hospital)
- Prisma Health Greer Memorial Hospital
- Prisma Health Hillcrest Hospital
- Prisma Health Marshall I. Pickens Hospital
- Prisma Health North Greenville Hospital (Long term acute care hospital)
- Prisma Health Oconee Memorial Hospital
- Prisma Health Laurens County Hospital
- Prisma Health Patewood Hospital

### Prisma Health - Midlands Region

Prisma Health - Midlands is a 1,352-bed region including six acute-care hospitals in the Midlands Region of South Carolina. Local community members support Prisma Health through two 501 (c)(3) foundations. Prisma Health - Midlands Region is home to 26 residency and fellowship programs affiliated with the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia. Prisma Health - Midland's hospitals include:



- Prisma Health Baptist Hospital
- Prisma Health Baptist Parkridge Hospital
- Prisma Health Children's Hospital-Midlands
- Prisma Health Richland Hospital
- Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital

## Prisma Health – Eastern Tennessee Region

Finalized in December 2024, Prisma Health and Blount Memorial Hospital signed a letter of agreement to become partners in transforming healthcare in Tennessee. Through this agreement, Prisma Health is committed to investing \$275 million and the surrounding market.

Founded in 1947 through the efforts of local physicians, the county court, interested citizens, and employees of the Aluminum Company of America, Blount Memorial Hospital is a 340-bed acute care hospital in Maryville, Tennessee. The hospital has more than 2,700 employees and 200 physicians working in 20 locations in Blount and Monroe counties. Key services include cancer, orthopedic, surgical, and cardiac care.

## Health Science Center

The Health Sciences Center at Prisma Health is a robust academic center driven to create a synergy of academics, research, innovation, and healthcare practice to drive change. Grounded in a cooperative and applied approach, the Health Science Center is dedicated to developing new solutions in healthcare education, delivery, access, and affordability to help people live healthier, better lives across South Carolina and beyond.

Providing access to more than 40 academic, professional, and workforce development programs, medical schools, nursing schools, clinical and translational research, and the region's largest healthcare delivery system, Prisma Health is dedicated to helping the health professionals of today and tomorrow meet the real-world needs of the community.

The Health Sciences Center at Prisma Health partners with South Carolina's two largest research universities and most prominent liberal arts university. The center also includes programs for other health professions and a robust research and innovation agenda. These partnerships include:

**Clemson University:** A Carnegie R1 university and one of the most productive public research universities in the nation, with over \$100 million in external research funding awarded in 2019.

**Furman University:** The oldest private university in South Carolina and one of the nation's premier liberal arts and sciences universities.

**University of South Carolina:** South Carolina's flagship university, with more than 200 years of academic leadership, and a Carnegie Foundation top tier school for research and community engagement.

Through these partnerships, Prisma Health provides a clinical environment for education and research. The Office of Innovation identifies, assesses, and markets commercially viable technology developed by Prisma Health personnel, manages industry collaborations, and helps attract new businesses and jobs to the region. The Division of Research ensures that each HSC partner organization's healthcare research and scholarship activities align with the community's needs and the partnership's goal to improve and innovate patient care. Additionally, Prisma Health houses the physical offices supporting the Health Sciences Center, which are located on the Prisma Health medical campuses in Greenville and Columbia.

Prisma Health enjoys formal nursing school affiliations with the University of South Carolina, Clemson, and Midlands Technical College, as well as a variety of additional [nursing programs](#) for clinical rotations and externships.

This unique affiliation of universities and degree-granting institutions leverages the existing competencies and resources of partners, rather than duplicating costly infrastructures, to meet shared objectives. The Health Science Center is the only academic medical center led by a health system and one with a mission that has a strong clinical focus rather than academic only.



### 8,000 students annually

Access the Prisma Health clinical environments to explore and train for healthcare careers



### 1,100 active research trials

Includes 400 clinical trials conducted across our clinical departments in Upstate and the Midlands



### 90+ embedded scientists

Working with Prisma clinicians to conduct research and drive innovation



### 62 residency and fellowships

Serving over 600 residents and cover multiple specializations



### Four affiliated schools

Two affiliated medical schools, two affiliated nursing schools

## University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia

A national leader in primary care medical education, the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia, has trained more than 3,000 physicians and graduated hundreds of graduate students since opening its doors in 1977. The University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia, is the leading medical school in the U.S. to prepare students to practice in underserved areas (US News rankings 2021 and 2022). Approximately 385 medical students and 325 graduate students are enrolled in the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia.

The University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia, has 10 clinical academic departments, with more than 500 core faculty physicians and over 300 community-based affiliate faculty. Clinical departments are primarily located at the Prisma Health Richland medical campus, the Columbia VA Health System campus, and at the Florence branch campus. The school also has three basic science departments comprised of 53 faculty members. The school has active basic science, translational science, and clinical research programs, with its federally funded research focused primarily on South Carolina healthcare needs such as cardiovascular diseases, neurosciences, cancer, and infectious diseases.

The University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia, educational and research facilities are located on a 100-acre suburban campus, just four miles from the University of South Carolina's main campus. The University of South Carolina, with support from the state of South Carolina, plans construction of a new medical education building and a biomedical science research building in the Bull Street District, near to the Prisma Health Richland campus, beginning in 2024.

## University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Greenville

Established in 2012, the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Greenville, is the second of the University of South Carolina's four-year medical schools. Located at the heart of Prisma Health-Upstate, the School of Medicine is backed by two decades of partnership in providing comprehensive medical education to students from the University of South Carolina, the state's largest public university. Since its inception, the School of Medicine has contributed over \$500 million to the local economy and is projected to contribute nearly \$1 billion across the next decade. The University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Greenville, is a place where students learn using the latest clinical, information and simulation technology and where they develop the leadership, clinical and interpersonal skills essential to delivering the next generation of patient-focused health care with confidence and compassion. The University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Greenville's charter class enrolled 53 first-year medical students in August 2012 and currently has 405 medical students. The medical school received full accreditation from LCME in the fall of 2015 and is located on the Prisma Health Greenville Memorial Medical Campus



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