

U.S. News & World Report: Atrium Health Floyd Medical Among Best in Maternity Care

Hospital Committed to Providing High-Quality Labor & Delivery Services

ROME, Ga., – Dec. 10, 2024 – Atrium Health Floyd Medical Center has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report in its annual list of best hospitals for maternity care. The list classifies the hospital as "high performing," the highest level of achievement possible.

"This award is a significant achievement, and we will continue to prioritize high quality, equitable care, supporting every mother who walks through our doors," said Kellie Pearson, director of Women's and Children's Service at Atrium Health Floyd. "It reflects our commitment to best practices and evidence-based protocols to ensure we provide save care for our patients."

Floyd Medical Center, which has delivered more than 2,040 babies this year, is one of 24 Advocate Health hospitals named to the list. Six Atrium Health hospitals in North Carolina that made the list are also part of Charlotte-based Advocate Health.

The U.S. News Best Hospitals for Maternity Care methodology is based entirely on objective measures of quality, such as cesarean section rates in lower-risk pregnancies, severe unexpected newborn complication rates, exclusive breast milk feeding rates, birthing-friendly practices and reporting on racial/ethnic disparities, among other measures.

"This recognition underscores our unwavering dedication to providing exceptional maternity care," said Dr. Scott Rissmiller, executive vice president and chief physician executive for Advocate Health. "Our commitment to clinical excellence and patient-centered care ensures that families receive the highest quality of care during one of the most important times in their lives."

Atrium Health Floyd Medical Center was also designated as a "Maternity Care Access Hospital," recognizing hospitals that provide quality care to expectant parents in areas that would otherwise be maternity care deserts.

Earlier this year, Advocate Health was recognized by U.S. News & World Report with eight "Top 50" rankings and 32 "High Performing" specialties at its hospitals.

About Atrium Health Floyd

The Atrium Health Floyd family of health care services is a leading medical provider and economic force in northwest Georgia and northeast Alabama. Atrium Health Floyd is part of Charlotte, North Carolina-based Advocate Health, the third-largest nonprofit health system in the United States, created from the combination of Atrium Health_and Advocate Aurora Health. Atrium Health Floyd strategically combined with Harbin Clinic in 2024 and employs more than 5,200 teammates who provide care in over 40 medical specialties at four facilities: Atrium Health Floyd Medical Center – a 361-bed full-service, acute care hospital and regional referral center in Rome, Georgia; Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center in Cedartown, Georgia; and Atrium Health Floyd Cherokee Medical Center in Centre, Alabama; and Atrium Health Floyd Medical Center Behavioral Health, also in Rome. Together, Atrium Health Floyd and Harbin Clinic provide primary care, specialty care and urgent care throughout northwest Georgia and northeast Alabama. Atrium Health Floyd also operates a stand-alone emergency department in Chattooga County, the first such facility to be built from the ground-up in Georgia.

About Atrium Health

Atrium Health is a nationally recognized leader in shaping health outcomes through innovative research, education and

compassionate patient care. Based in Charlotte, North Carolina, Atrium Health is part of Advocate Health, the third-largest nonprofit health system in the United States, which was created from the combination with Advocate Aurora Health. A recognized leader in experiential medical education and groundbreaking research, Wake Forest University School of Medicine is its academic core. Atrium Health is renowned for its top-ranked pediatric, cancer and heart care, as well as organ transplants, burn treatments and specialized musculoskeletal programs. Atrium Health is also a leading-edge innovator in virtual care and mobile medicine, providing care close to home and in the home. Ranked nationally among U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals in eight pediatric specialties and for rehabilitation, Atrium Health has also received the American Hospital Association's Quest for Quality Prize and its 2021 Carolyn Boone Lewis Equity of Care Award, as well as the 2020 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Health Equity Award for its efforts to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in care. With a commitment to every community it serves, Atrium Health seeks to improve health, elevate hope and advance healing – for all, providing \$2.8 billion last year in free and uncompensated care and other community benefits.

About Advocate Health

Advocate Health is the third-largest nonprofit integrated health system in the United States – created from the combination of Advocate Aurora Health and Atrium Health. Providing care under the names Advocate Health Care in Illinois, Atrium Health in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama, and Aurora Health Care in Wisconsin, Advocate Health is a national leader in clinical innovation, health outcomes, consumer experience and value-based care. Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, Advocate Health services nearly 6 million patients and is engaged in hundreds of clinical trials and research studies, with Wake Forest University School of Medicine serving as the academic core of the enterprise. It is nationally recognized for its expertise in cardiology, neurosciences, oncology, pediatrics and rehabilitation, as well as organ transplants, burn treatments and specialized musculoskeletal programs. Advocate Health employs 155,000 teammates across 69 hospitals and over 1,000 care locations, and offers one of the nation's largest graduate medical education programs with over 2,000 residents and fellows across more than 200 programs. Committed to providing equitable care for all, Advocate Health provides nearly \$6 billion in annual community benefits.

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