

A portrait of Cheau Williams, MD, FACOG, FACS, Chief of Staff, in an operating room. He is wearing teal scrubs and a blue surgical cap, with his arms crossed. A large surgical light is visible in the background.

Cheau Williams, MD, FACOG, FACS
Chief of Staff

LEADING WITH CONFIDENCE

COLQUITT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
2021 ANNUAL REPORT

FROM THE CEO

A new year: when resolutions are made, goals are set, and there is a particular eagerness in the attitudes of millions as they are faced with the chance for a new beginning. Perhaps there are no other organizations as ready for a new year as those in healthcare. The last year was filled with a mix of emotions as a result of the pandemic – joy and grief, celebration and mourning. Every high seemed to be conversely met with a low.

Colquitt Regional faced two massive surges in COVID-19 cases during 2021, one in February/March and another in August/September. The increase in numbers due to the Delta variant presented particularly difficult circumstances and was, by far, the most challenging period the hospital has faced in its history. For a prolonged period, the hospital was over capacity, over half of the inpatients were COVID-positive, and the ICU was overflowing with people in need of critical care. Staff morale was low and frontline workers felt as if they were fighting a losing battle. But it was the unwavering support of colleagues and community members that helped them through the difficult times.

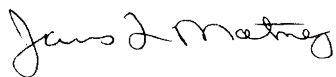
This community never ceases to amaze me. People rallied together to send snack baskets, meals, handwritten notes, and literally circled the hospital in prayers for weeks. We will never be able to fully express the gratitude we have for our community members taking such wonderful care of us.

Despite the trials presented by the pandemic, Colquitt Regional achieved many milestones throughout the past year. The hospital received its 14th consecutive 'A' patient safety grade from The Leapfrog Group, cut the ribbon on a new, state-of-the-art radiation oncology unit, welcomed its sixth class of family medicine residents, administered over 20,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines, and received the Baldrige Commitment Award from the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence.

As another year presents itself, many hospitals around the world are eager to turn the page on a difficult chapter of history and move forward together, past the COVID-19 pandemic. Colquitt Regional is no exception. The administration, medical staff, and employees of Colquitt Regional are putting their collective energy toward the continuation of progress made over the last year and to reaching new heights in 2022.

We have many exciting things to look forward to in 2022. We are steadily adding new providers, technology, and services lines to bring an elevated level of care to our patients, all right here at home. There are several projects that we are proud to either implement or break ground on this year that will allow us to continue carrying out our vision.

Sincerely,



James L. Matney
President and CEO
Colquitt Regional Medical Center



MISSION

We are committed to providing exceptional healthcare that exceeds expectations.

VISION

Colquitt Regional Medical Center will be recognized as a superior provider of quality and compassionate healthcare.

VALUES

Compassion
Accountability
Respect
Excellence

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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FAST FACTS

1,460
Total
employees



Providers on Colquitt Regional
& Sterling Physician Group Staff

101

Nurses on Staff

373

Licensed beds:

99 Inpatient

59 Skilled Nursing



19 Outpatient Clinics



EXCEPTIONAL CARE

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Scotty Green, PharmD, was named Colquitt Regional's 2021 Employee of the Year. Scotty has worked at Colquitt Regional as a pharmacist for 5 years and serves as the lead for the Medication Safety Committee. During the summer of 2021 COVID surge, Scotty played a significant role in providing timely infusion services to our community, assisted in vaccination drive-thrus, and he has been a highly reliable resource to answer clinical questions about COVID medications. Scotty is nothing short of exceptional and Colquitt Regional is lucky to have him on the team!



Scotty Green, Pharm D

2021 EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

January – Tangular Johnson

May – Jobanna Hernandez

September – Tina Jenkins, PT, OT

February – Donta Merritt

June – Jessica Herrin, RN

October – Jemmie Thomas

March – Victoria Gallagher

July – Scotty Green, PharmD

November – Gussie Young

April – Miranda Dalton, RT(R), CNMT

August – Nakesha Durham, RN

December – Ashley Carter, RN

HEART & HANDS AWARD

Nursing assistants are an essential part of excellent patient care, communication, and teamwork at Colquitt Regional. They are able to touch patient's lives and foster recovery through their hard work and dedication. Because of this, every year, we recognize one nursing assistant to be rewarded with our Hearts and Hands Award. Congratulations to Lacey Ziegler, CNA, the 2021 recipient of the Heart & Hands Award.



Lacey Ziegler, CNA



PHIL AWARD



Julius Corker, CRT

The PHIL Award (Pulmonary Health and Illnesses of the Lungs) was established by The FACES Foundation to recognize outstanding respiratory therapists who provide care and treatment for patients with respiratory illnesses. The PHIL Award will be given annually to one respiratory therapist at Colquitt Regional, who has been nominated on the basis of professional excellence and compassion in the education and care of patients with pulmonary illness. Julius Corker, CRT received the inaugural PHIL Award for 2021.

BY EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE

DAISY AWARD

The DAISY Award is presented to nurses who provide exemplary bedside care with great compassion. Nominations may be received from patients, visitors, or co-workers, and a nurse is awarded every other month. The award was created by the family of J. Patrick Barnes as a way of honoring the extraordinary care he received by his nurses before he passed away at the age of 33.



Abby Patterson, RN
January



Tori Ferrel, RN
March



Katie Carter, RN
May



Summer Snipes, RN
July



Kaitlin Bush, RN
September



Michael Arenas, RN
November

TEAM DAISY AWARD



Dialysis



Drive-Thru Covid Vaccination Clinic



A beloved patient with an exceptional Covid-19 story of survival.



Work site Covid vaccines



Community members providing meals for employees



A grateful patient receiving her Covid vaccine

OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE

COMING TOGETHER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

After a year of uncertainty, strife, struggle, and devastating loss in 2020, 2021 started out on a high note with the delivery of a COVID-19 vaccine. Once the FDA pushed out emergency authorization for a COVID-19 vaccine, the task at-hand for healthcare organizations across the globe included educating the public on the vaccine, its efficacy, and getting as many people vaccinated in an effort to combat the virus. The inaugural groups approved to receive the vaccine included healthcare workers and long-term care facility residents and staff. Once that population was given the opportunity to receive a vaccine, the State of Georgia opened it up to anyone over the age of 65 and caretakers of those 65 and older. As the approved demographic and demand for vaccines continued to increase, the Colquitt Regional COVID-19 task force quickly made plans to implement a method for administering doses on a larger scale.

On January 11, the hospital opened its very first drive-thru vaccine clinic at Heritage Church. From that day on, volunteers and employees spent over 25 days helping give thousands of vaccines, collect paperwork, direct traffic, draw up doses, observe patients, and more, through the rain, wind, cold, and sunshine. The operation at Heritage Church was a large undertaking that required the collaboration of many departments throughout the organization, including Facility Operations, Information Systems, Patient Access, Marketing, Pharmacy, Security, EMS, Volunteer Services and Nursing.

As much of the population became vaccinated and COVID-19 numbers were staying at a low, manageable level, the need for the vaccine drive-thru became less and less, and the hospital held its last clinic at Heritage Church on May 14, 2021. Over the course of the next few months, the hospital received a short respite, until the inevitable Delta variant made its way south. Cases began to rise again at the end of July and over the course of the next several weeks, the community was experiencing a surge unlike anything it had seen previously. The hospital went from having an adequate amount of rooms to being overcapacity within a matter of days. On August 13, Colquitt Regional reached an all-time high of 113 inpatients in its 99-bed facility and half of them were COVID-19-positive.

Throughout the earlier stages of the pandemic, COVID-19 seemed to be a virus that largely plagued those older than 65 years and/or those with significant medical issues. With the Delta variant, the hospital was averaging COVID-19 positive patients around 54 years old and many of them were without preexisting medical issues. Delta was an alarming variant for a variety of reasons, but the high transmission rate and high acuity, coupled with the decreasing amount of bed availability made it an extremely trying time for all – patients, physicians, staff members, and families. To help combat the severity of COVID-19 cases, the hospital rolled out a modified COVID-19 drive-thru vaccine clinic at The Vereen Center. Staff and volunteers gathered at Vereen weekly from mid-July through September to administer vaccines and boosters to the public. The hospital also transitioned the Same Day Surgery unit to be an infusion center, where patients could go after-hours for a monoclonal antibody infusion. Within the month of August, the infusion center administered right at 1,000 treatments to members of the community and surrounding areas.

The Delta surge lasted through October, but numbers finally decreased and the hospital was eased back into a semi-normal operations mode. As the holidays approached, so did the less-severe, more-contagious Omicron variant and numbers quickly peaked again. While the community saw cases that were, overall, less acute than previous variants, and the hospital did not have near the inpatient volume as during Delta, it was battling a massive staffing issue. Dozens of employees were testing positive and not able to work. Throughout the entire pandemic, employees have worked extra shifts, have worked in areas outside of their daily roles, and have joined together to ensure that patient care was never at a level below exceptional. Because of the extraordinary team work of the hospital and clinic employees, Colquitt Regional was able to administer over 23,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine in 2021, held over 35 vaccine drive-thru clinics, gave 1,000 monoclonal antibody infusions, and made a lasting impact on hundreds through providing compassionate, exceptional care during especially difficult times.

EDWARDS CANCER CENTER OPENS RADIATION ONCOLOGY UNIT

On March 3, 2020, the Edwards Cancer Center at Colquitt Regional celebrated its new radiation oncology unit with a virtual ribbon cutting ceremony. Due to COVID, the ceremony was streamed live on the Colquitt Regional Facebook page. Colquitt Regional broke ground on the new 6,900 sq. ft. building in May 2020 and welcomed it's first patient. The new unit features a state-of-the-art linear accelerator, the Versa HD, which is a revolutionary radiation treatment system designed to improve cancer patient care.

Developed by Elekta, the Versa HD allows for treatment of a broader spectrum of tumors throughout the body, while enabling treatment of complex cancers that require extreme precision. With this sophisticated technology, the Edwards Cancer Center will be able to offer highly customized treatments to address patient needs.

"In 2018, we completed phase one of our oncology service line expansion with the opening of the Edwards Cancer Center," said Colquitt Regional President and CEO Jim Matney. "Since then, we have seen hundreds of patients benefit from being able to receive first-class cancer care right here in our community. As we cut the ribbon on our new radiation oncology unit, we are proud to bring this greatly-needed service line to our patients." Currently, any patient that needs radiation treatment must travel a minimum of 30 minutes to receive care. "It can be such a burden on patients and caregivers to travel out of town every day for six to eight weeks at a time to receive radiation services," said Matney. "This new facility and equipment has been life-altering for our patients."





The Versa HD features patented technology that enables it to deliver extremely precise radiation with superior conformance to the targeted tumor's size, shape and volume. Clinicians can administer higher dose rates in less time, to enhance treatment effectiveness while protecting critical structures such as the heart, spine, or bladder. Colquitt Regional officials planned for the treatment area to have a spa-like atmosphere.

The Versa HD offers ergonomic features and softer streamlined shapes, combined with low mechanical noise and ambient lighting effects, which create a confident and relaxed patient treatment environment. Designed with patient safety in mind, the Versa HD incorporates features such as touch-activated patient protection and the lowest radiation transmission of any commercially available linear accelerator.

In addition to current providers Wenhui Zhu, MD, and Kerri Holloway-Cox, FNP-C, J. Steven Johnson, MD, and David A. Saunders, MD, have joined the team at the Edwards Cancer Center. Johnson and Saunders, who have provided care at the Lewis Hall Singletary Oncology Center in Thomasville for over 33 and 24 years, respectively, serve as the primary radiation oncologists.

"I have enjoyed working with the Edwards Cancer Center and playing a part in bringing radiation oncology services to this community," said Johnson. "This new facility is incredible. Having access to the latest technology with the Versa HD makes a great difference in patient care and, as a physician, it provides me with a broad range of advanced treatment solutions for my patients."

Other new staff members include: physicist Ramesh Nair, PhD, medical dosimetrist Roy Hall, CMD, RTT(T), radiation therapist Traci Fuller, R(R)(M)(T), radiation therapist Lei-Ann Barnes, BSRT(R)(T), radiation therapist Holli Holmes, RT(R)(T), and nurse Jennifer Mathis, RN, ONS. The Edwards Cancer Center construction and expansion was made possible through Colquitt Regional's participation in the Georgia HEART Tax Credit Program. This program allows Georgia residents to reallocate their state tax dollars to qualified rural hospital organizations. Colquitt Regional has been approved to participate in the tax credit program again in 2022.

COLQUITT REGIONAL EXPANDS CARDIOLOGY SERVICES

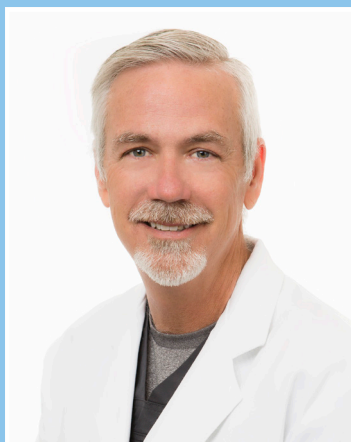
Colquitt Regional welcomed three new physicians to its medical staff on April 1, 2021. Dr. Timothy B. Daniel, Dr. Frederick D. Johnson, Jr., and Dr. Craig A. Yokley are leading the hospital's new vascular interventional service line. They also continue to see patients at their practice, Vascular Interventional of Thomasville, Associates (VITA), in Thomasville, Georgia.

This group specializes in minimally invasive procedures which involve very small incisions, including angiography, angioplasty/stents/atherectomy, aortic aneurysm repair, carotid artery stenting, uterine fibroid embolization, dialysis access procedures, needle biopsy, and vascular access catheters and ports. These services can also aid in the treatment of peripheral vascular disease, various forms of cancer, hypertension, cirrhosis of the liver, and vein disease.

These procedures are performed in the state-of-the-art Hybrid Interventional Vascular Suite, located in the Hufstetler Heart Center at Colquitt Regional. Many of the services they offer are alternatives to other treatments

and have the advantage of being safer, with less recovery time for patients. Colquitt Regional has also acquired an Intravascular Ultrasound (IVUS) that is utilized by this group. IVUS is cutting-edge technology that uses a tiny ultrasound transducer mounted on the top of a catheter to capture images of the interior of blood vessels. It can also be used to assess vessel/lumen diameter, lesion length, the amount of plaque buildup in a vessel and its composition, and check to ensure stents have been properly placed and fully deployed.

"We are proud to welcome Dr. Daniel, Dr. Johnson, and Dr. Yokley to the Colquitt Regional family," said Colquitt Regional President and CEO Jim Matney. "The addition of interventional radiology is another key step in improving access to specialized care. They have been a great partner for us in meeting patient needs for a number of years, so having them as part of Colquitt Regional is a real win for our patients. This will keep people from having to travel out of town to receive their services."



Timothy B. Daniel, MD



Frederick D. Johnson, Jr, MD



Craig A. Yokely, MD

18.2

million adults age 20+ have
Coronary Artery Disease

Daniel, who brings over 30 years of experience, is board certified in vascular and interventional radiology and the founder of VITA, which he started in 2007. He completed his medical internship in anatomic pathology at the University of Hawaii College of Medicine, followed by a diagnostic radiology residency at the University of Florida College of Medicine. He also carried out a fellowship in vascular and interventional radiology at the University of Virginia.

Johnson attended medical school at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, where he also completed an internship and residency in radiology. He then went on to carry out an interventional radiology fellowship at the University of Illinois at Peoria. He is board certified in diagnostic radiology and brings over 12 years of experience.

Johnson worked at Jackson Radiology Associates in Jackson, Tennessee, for five years before joining VITA in 2020.

Yokley attended medical school at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. After earning his medical degree, he went on to carry out an internship at Carroway Methodist Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama, followed by a diagnostic radiology residency and vascular and interventional radiology fellowship at St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago. He is board certified in vascular and interventional radiology and brings over 30 years of experience.

"As we continue to evolve our service lines, the hospital is committed to providing the latest procedures and most knowledgeable physicians for our organization," said Hospital Authority Chairman Maureen A. Yearta, Ed.D. "This group has over 72 years of experience between them in interventional radiology and we are excited to have them join us."

For more information on new services and physicians, please call 229-890- 3552.



Dr. Lawrence Ukpong, senior cardiologist at Colquitt Regional, is pictured in the Cath Lab at the Hufstetler Heart Center.

GEORGIA SOUTH WELCOMES NEW RESIDENTS

Georgia South Family Medicine Residency Program welcomed its sixth class of residents at Colquitt County Arts Center in June. The four residents honored included Catherine Cravey, M.D., Nathan Greene, M.D., Leo Larios, D.O., and Daniel Santiago, M.D. Georgia South was established in 2016 as a way for the hospital to address physician shortages in underserved areas, particularly in South Georgia. Since the inception of the program, Colquitt Regional has continued its commitment to finding physicians with a passion for serving rural communities.

“We had another exceptional group of residents in this class,” said Colquitt Regional President and CEO Jim Matney. “Each year, we search for physicians who share our vision of shaping the future of rural healthcare. This year’s class of residents all have ties to the state of Georgia, with two of them being born and raised in South Georgia.”

Cravey, a Hawkinsville, Georgia native, attended Trinity School of Medicine in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Prior to medical school, Cravey attended Emory University Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, where she received her bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Greene, originally from Americus, Georgia, received his medical degree from St. George’s University School of Medicine in Grenada. Before that, he attended Mercer University School of Medicine, where he received a master of science degree in preclinical sciences and earned his bachelor of science degree in biology from Brewton-Parker College in Mount Vernon, Georgia.

Larios, who hails from Austin, Texas, completed his medical education at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Suwanee, Georgia. Prior to medical school, he attended the University of Texas at Austin where he received a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology. Santiago comes to Moultrie from Ocoee, Florida. He attended medical school at American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine in Saint Maarten. Before medical school, he received both his master of science in medical sciences

and bachelor of science in microbiology degrees from the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida.

Following tradition, each resident received a new white coat at the ceremony. This year’s coats were presented by Kirby Smith, D.O., Georgia South Program Director, and Woodwin Weeks, D.O., Associate Program Director.

“The welcome ceremony has become a special program that we look forward to every year,” said Smith. “Not only did we choose these residents, but they chose Georgia South to be their residency program. We are excited for them to join our medical family and look forward to the experience they will gain during their time here.”

Along with the presentation of their white coats, the residents were gifted with engraved stethoscopes from the Colquitt County Medical Alliance. Also honored at the ceremony was Witemba Kabange, M.D., who received the 2020-2021 Preceptor of the Year Award. This award is voted on by all current residents to recognize an outstanding physician who has had a positive impact on their training.

“As always, the residents received a warm welcome from our community members at their welcome ceremony,” said Hospital Authority Chairman Maureen A. Yearta, Ed.D. “These residents are eager to enter into the next phase of their training and we are equally as excited that they will be able to call Georgia South and Moultrie home for the next three years.”

In 2021, Colquitt Regional hosted

240

student learners

who completed over

114,494

hours of training



Pictured is the Georgia South Family Medicine Residency Program Class of 2024 at the community Welcome Ceremony. From left, is Associate Program Director Woodwin Weeks, DO, Nathan Greene, MD, Catherine Cravey, MD, Colquitt Regional President and CEO Jim Matney, past Hospital Authority Chairman Maureen A. Yearta, Ed.D., Leo Larios, DO, Daniel Santiago, MD, and Program Director Kirby Smith, DO.



Each new resident receives a white coat during the community Welcome Ceremony, signifying the start of their three-year journey as a family medicine resident. Pictured is Nathan Greene, MD, receiving his white coat from Associate Program Director Woodwin Weeks, DO, and Program Director Kirby Smith, DO.



Pictured are the 2021 recipients of the Kate Jeter Scholarship. From back left: Scholarship Donor Jimmy Jeter, Autumn Brooke Hampton, Fletcher Jacobs, Carson Tyler, and Trey McCoy. From front left: Isabella Jacobs, Alyssa Spangler, Lana Davis, and Ava McCranie.



Pictured are the 2021 recipients of the Colquitt Regional Employee Committee Scholarship. From left: Jack Cone, Amaria Diaz, David Friedlander, Fletcher Sheffield, and Employee Committee representative Cheyenne Johnson.

COLQUITT REGIONAL CONTINUES TO INVEST IN FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE

On May 26, Colquitt Regional honored 31 recipients of its annual healthcare scholarships at Sunset Country Club. The total amount given to those recipients exceeded \$72,000.

“Each year, we are amazed to see the students and employees who are committed to furthering their education,” said Colquitt Regional President and CEO Jim Matney. “Many of the scholarships given are funded through community partners who have a history with healthcare in Colquitt County. We are proud to join with them to contribute to the success of Colquitt Regional and the healthcare industry as a whole.”

Since 1982, the Hospital Authority Board of Trustees has provided an annual scholarship to a citizen of Colquitt County who is pursuing a career in healthcare. This scholarship is also given in honor of an individual who has made a lasting impact on the medical field. Hospital Authority Chairman Maureen A. Yearta, Ed.D. presented the 2021 Hospital Authority Trustee Scholarship to Abby Sutton.

Sutton is a sophomore at Valdosta State University and was accepted into the VSU nursing program. She plans to pursue her bachelor’s degree in nursing and then continue her education to become a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA). This \$5,000 award was given in honor of former Hospital Authority Trustee Brooks Sheldon. Sheldon served two terms on the Hospital Authority from 2000-2018.

This year’s luncheon also saw the introduction of a new Hospital Authority Trustee Scholarship, which is available to PCOM South Georgia students pursuing a career in healthcare. Trent Griner and Christian Edwards, both natives of South Georgia, each received a \$5,000 award.

The Colquitt Regional Medical Foundation awarded three donor scholarships at \$5,000 each. The Diane and Jim Lowry Scholarship, named after its donors, was awarded to Isabel Simmons. Simmons works in nutritional services at Colquitt Regional and is currently enrolled at Southern Regional Technical College in the radiology technician program.

The Jane and Sam Perry Scholarship, given by the Brooks Sheldon family in memory of his parents, was given to Heather Dismuke, RN. Dismuke currently works at Colquitt Regional in the Intensive Care Unit and is working to obtain her bachelor of science in nursing degree, followed by her nurse practitioner degree.

The Anne and Monty Carlton Family Scholarship, given by the Carlton family, was presented to Priscilla Fillyaw, RN. Fillyaw also works in the ICU at Colquitt Regional and is working to obtain her BSN and then nurse practitioner degree.

Five students were chosen for the Colquitt Regional Employee Committee Scholarship. To be eligible for the award, the recipient must be a graduating senior who is also a dependent of a Colquitt Regional employee. This year, a \$2,000 scholarship was awarded to Jack Cone, Amaria Diaz, David Friedlander, Sallie Fuller, and Fletcher Sheffield.

Colquitt Regional Volunteer Services also provides the Rev. J.E. Moak Scholarship to a graduating senior who plans to pursue a career in healthcare. This year’s recipient of the \$1,000 award is Autumn Brooke Hampton.

Jimmy and Rosalind Jeter established the Kate Jeter Scholarship in May 2000 in memory of their daughter Kate Majors Jeter. The 2021 recipients are Lana Davis, Autumn Brooke Hampton, Isabella Jacobs, Fletcher Jacobs, Trey McCoy, Ava McCranie, Alyssa Spangler, and Carson Tyler. Each of these recipients received a \$2,000 scholarship.

Colquitt Regional also presented Teacher Partnership Grant Awards to 11 teachers in Colquitt County. This grant is available to math or science teachers in Colquitt County schools to provide aid for a school project or educational activity. The recipients included: Becky Null, Sunset Elementary School, Ashley Pitts, Doerun Elementary School, Justin McDowell, Hamilton Elementary School, Jennifer Merritt, Norman Park Elementary School, Christa Bledsoe, R.B. Wright Elementary School, Justin Liles, Odom Elementary School, Hannah Boyd, GEAR, Stacey Davenport, Williams Middle School, Savannah Plymel, C.A. Gray Junior High, Melissa Culpepper, CCHS, and Christine Ray, Colquitt Christian Academy.

“It is equally important to partner with local school systems in creating a pipeline for healthcare workers by investing in students from a young age,” said Hospital Authority Chairman Maureen A. Yearta, Ed.D. “Colquitt Regional is honored to play a role in ensuring that students in the county have enhanced exposure to math and science educational experiences beyond the standard curriculum.”

GEORGIA SOUTH GRADUATES THIRD CLASS

Georgia South Family Medicine Residency Program graduated its third class of residents on June 26. The ceremony took place at Colquitt County Arts Center, where graduates were presented their diplomas. The class of 2021 included Kayla Batchelor, DO, Madison Lamar Hill, DO, Robert Jeter, MD, and Giselle Piñeiro, DO.

“These residents have spent countless hours training and learning from our doctors and their preceptors,” said Colquitt Regional President and CEO Jim Matney. “This group was also faced with unprecedented challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, but they did not let that deter them from their mission. They have shown resilience and we know that they are well-prepared for whatever comes next.”

Hill, Jeter, Piñeiro, and Batchelor began their residency in the summer of 2018. Batchelor will join the faculty at Georgia South and continue practicing medicine in its clinic. Jeter has signed on to work as a hospitalist at Tift Regional Medical Center in Tifton, Georgia. Hill will be practicing outpatient family medicine at the University of Arizona Banner Medical Group in Tucson, Arizona. Piñeiro is joining Advent Health Medical Group Family Medicine at Saxon in Orange City, Florida.

“We are excited to launch this incredible group of residents into their careers and are looking forward to seeing their accomplishments in the future,” said Georgia South Program Director Kirby Smith, DO. “While we are fortunate to be bringing Dr. Batchelor on as faculty at Georgia South, we know that the other residents who are moving away

will continue to do an excellent job at representing Georgia South and Colquitt Regional going forward.”

Residency is the final step before doctors begin practicing on their own. The three-year program allows its participants to gain knowledge on various specialties by completing focused rotations in areas such as radiology, orthopedics, critical care, practice management, dermatology, and more. Residents are also given the opportunity to work at the Georgia South Family Medicine Residency Clinic which allows them to build relationships with their patients.

“We have looked forward to celebrating each outgoing class of residents since 2019, when we graduated our first class,” said Hospital Authority Chairman Maureen A. Yearta, Ed.D. “At least one-third of the residents have joined our medical staff each year, while many of the others have moved to other rural communities. We are so pleased that Dr. Batchelor has decided to stay with us. It is fulfilling to see that a resident enjoyed their time at Georgia South so much that they decide to make it their home after graduation.”

100%

of all graduates from Georgia South
have successfully passed family
medicine certification exams



Pictured is the Georgia South Family Medicine Residency Program Class of 2021 at their graduation ceremony. From left: Robert Jeter, MD, Giselle Pineiro, DO, Kayla Batchelor, DO, and Madison Lamar Hill, DO.



Pictured is Georgia South Family Medicine Residency Program Director Kirby Smith, DO, presenting the history of the program to the graduation ceremony attendees.

GROWING PEDIATRIC SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY

PEDIATRICS HOSPITALIST PROGRAM INTRODUCED

Colquitt Regional has expanded its current hospitalist program to include pediatrics, which began on July 1. Pediatric hospital medicine is a medical subspecialty that is dedicated to the delivery of comprehensive medical care to hospitalized pediatric patients by pediatric hospitalists. They are responsible for the day-to-day care of patients, which involves diagnosis, treatment, and necessary medical procedures while in the hospital.

Pediatric hospitalists work with a patient's pediatrician or family physicians to provide high-quality care for children in the hospital in a way that is comfortable and reassuring for children and their parents. These hospitalists will also communicate with other pediatricians and family medicine providers who care for the patient in a clinic setting.

"While we have always provided inpatient pediatric care, adding a specialized team of pediatricians will allow us to provide a greater level of pediatric care," said Colquitt Regional President and CEO Jim Matney. "This new team of doctors will allow us to expand our capabilities and keep more children here in our community."

Introducing this program will help relieve the burden of parents having to travel to receive necessary care for their children. In 2012, Colquitt Regional transitioned to a hospitalist-based model of care for adult inpatients while continuing to care for pediatric inpatients by utilizing local pediatricians and family medicine providers. The hospitalist

program at Colquitt Regional has grown to include 12 hospitalists, three nurse practitioners, and now three pediatric hospitalists.

The pediatric hospitalist team is led by Lacey Chambers, MD, who serves as medical director for the program. Chambers attended West Virginia University, where she received her bachelor of science degree in biochemistry. She then went on to medical school at Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University, followed by a residency in pediatrics at Dayton Children's Hospital.

The pediatric hospitalist team also plays an integral role in training the residents at Georgia South Family Medicine Residency Program. Georgia South residents provide pediatric care in the clinic setting and also complete pediatric rotations in the hospital. This expanded service will give them more opportunities to gain hands-on experience with pediatric patients.

"The new group of pediatric hospitalists brings over 65 years of pediatric experience to Colquitt Regional," said Colquitt Regional Vice President of Patient Services Dena Zinker. "We have allocated all the necessary resources, equipment, supplies, and training to ensure that we are well-equipped to take care of our patient base."



Lacey Chambers, MD
Pediatric Hospitalist

PRIMARY CARE WELCOMES NEW PEDIATRICIAN

Holly Van de Voort, MD

Dr. Holly Van de Voort is a board-certified pediatrician with over 15 years of experience in caring for children. She attended medical school at the Medical College of Georgia, followed by a residency in pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Georgia. Dr. Van de Voort is seeing patients at Sterling Group Primary care and offers comprehensive care in the following areas: well-child visits, physicals, vaccinations, illnesses, and injuries.



VEREEN CENTER ADDS PEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The Vereen Center has expanded its service line to offer pediatric occupational therapy to patients five days a week. Up to this point, Vereen has offered pediatric OT on a very limited basis.

“We decided to expand these services based on the needs of children in our area,” said Colquitt Regional President and CEO Jim Matney. “We’ve heard from parents who are already utilizing our speech therapy services for their children and many of them also require occupational therapy. Having both of these pediatric services under one roof makes it more convenient for parents who are trying to get high-quality therapy services for their children.”

Pediatric OT focuses on helping children from infancy to 18 years of age with physical, sensory, or cognitive challenges to be as independent as possible in all areas of their lives. This type of therapy centers around an occupational therapist working with patients on the following functions that are often required in daily activities: sensory, motor, cognitive, and psychosocial.

Anna Faircloth, OTR/L-CPAM, has joined the team of occupational therapists at the Vereen Center and will lead this new service. She brings over 28 years of specialized experience in pediatric OT, with a large portion of her time spent providing care in private practice prior to joining Colquitt Regional Home Care Services.

“Anna has been working with us for several years providing in-home occupational therapy for adult patients,” said Vereen Center Assistant Vice President of Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine Scott Romanowski, PT, OCS, OMPT. “She is great with this demographic, but her heart has always been in working with children. She has been exceptional in this new role as we continue to grow this program.”

Also located in the Vereen Center is Colquitt Regional Speech-Language Pathology Services and the Learning Center. This department, directed by Renee Crosby, M.Ed., CCC-SLP, assists patients of all ages. In addition to speech therapy, they provide services that address feeding/swallowing and developmental and neurological conditions that impact cognitive-linguistic functioning, including learning and literacy.

“We are thrilled that our patients will now have easy access to pediatric OT services,” said Crosby. “This breaks down one more barrier in helping our patients achieve the best possible health outcomes.”

VEREEN
PEDIATRIC OT

MEETING THE NEED FOR PSYCHIATRY SERVICES

INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT PROGRAM INTRODUCED

In 2021, Colquitt Regional began offering a new outpatient clinic for senior adults dealing with mental health issues. This new Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) was developed in partnership with UltraGroup Healthcare to help bridge the gap in treatment for behavioral health services specifically for the underserved senior population.

“In 2020, the state of Georgia was ranked number 50 in access to mental health services,” said Colquitt Regional President and CEO Jim Matney. “Our state and region are both in great need of mental health services and Colquitt Regional is actively working to create solutions to this problem. In addition to IOP, we are close to opening our inpatient geropsychiatry unit in the hospital, and will soon start a psychiatry residency program at Georgia South to help train the next generation of psychiatrists.”

Sterling Group Senior Wellness uses a multidisciplinary treatment team that treats patients who are 65 years or older, have Medicare Part B, and have a diagnosis such as major depressive disorder and/or generalized anxiety disorder.

The treatment team consists of a psychiatrist, a licensed clinical social worker, and a registered nurse that all work together to develop an individualized plan for each patient. This team meets once a week for patient treatment planning and to discuss patient progress. After the therapist assesses each individual, they will provide group therapy sessions that last up to 45 minutes with anywhere from two to 10 patients on average.

Typical patient treatment lasts from four to six weeks. Each day begins at 9:30 a.m., ends at 1:45 p.m., and includes lunch between sessions. During these sessions, the patients process thoughts and feelings as well as identify their

progress towards treatment goals. The therapist may also provide individual and family therapy as needed, which typically lasts anywhere from 30 to 60 minutes.

Throughout the course of treatment, the RN will meet with patients daily to complete nursing assessments. This will involve the nurse evaluating for any physical or emotional symptoms that are present. The RN will also provide daily education in the group setting on topics such as relaxation, self-esteem, exercise, pain management, problem solving, fall and safety precautions, smoking cessation, nutrition, medications, discharge planning, and social skills.

“The pandemic, in addition to daily life challenges, has created an emotional toll on many, especially those who are later in life,” said Hospital Authority Chairman Maureen A. Yearta, Ed.D. “Our goal is to provide a structured, supportive environment for our patients to come and work through whatever struggles they are facing.”

The IOP is led by Director of Behavioral Health Melissa Bennett, MSN, RN, therapist Jasmine Tucker, MSW, LCSW, and nurse Tania Royal, RN.



Melissia Bennett, MSN, RN
Director of Behavioral Health

PSYCHIATRY RESIDENCY LAUNCHING SOON

Georgia South Psychiatry Residency Program will soon make history as the first program of its kind in South Georgia.

“This is something we have been working towards since 2019 when we received a grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to establish a psychiatry residency program,” said Colquitt Regional President and CEO Jim Matney. “HRSA’s grant and technical support, along with the unwavering commitment of our legislators made this program a possibility. Since the start of this journey, our primary focus has been on enhancing our physician workforce in the region by building a pipeline that trains and recruits physicians who are interested in practicing medicine in rural areas. To see our vision come to life, first with the family medicine residency, and soon a psychiatry program, has been immensely rewarding. Training physicians has become a core part of our physician recruitment strategy and will protect and promote access to exceptional healthcare for generations to come.”

With the stamp of approval from the ACGME, Georgia South Psychiatry Residency Program will begin accepting applications and actively recruiting for its first class of residents. The inaugural class is set to begin in July 2022. The Georgia South Psychiatry Residency Program follows a four-year track with three new residents each year. Residents will rotate through different specialties such as primary care, emergency psychiatry, neurology, inpatient psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry, and geriatric psychiatry, among others. They will also complete outpatient psychiatry rotations at partnering facilities, such as Colquitt Regional, Turning Point Hospital, Georgia Pines, the Colquitt County Jail, and Vandemark Psychiatry and Counseling. “We have had overwhelming support from regional partners and physicians, committing to rotation experiences, lectures, and serving as faculty,” said Vice President of Medical Education Jessica Rivenbark. “From our earliest partnership with Turning Point, we worked to develop a rural psychiatry residency as an innovative approach to improving access to mental and behavioral health resources. A new residency program will bring research focused on rural mental health issues and will create opportunities for graduating residents to stay and practice. We know the medical education pipeline works, and adding psychiatry will enhance our ability to provide care and improved access to our region.”

Much like the Georgia South Family Medicine Residency Program, the psychiatry program will host weekly didactic sessions for residents, medical students, and staff physicians. These sessions will include lectures, which



From left: Dr. Teron Verma, Dr. Lisa Rudolph-Watson, & Dr. Kent Posey

cover topics pertinent to the foundation of psychiatry, and also include published journal and case reviews, resident-led lectures, and board review.

“At Georgia South, we aim to provide our residents with a comprehensive approach to training,” said Program Director Dr. Lisa Rudolph-Watson. “We want our residents to be fully immersed in the type of environment and training that will lead them to be exceptional physicians in the field. They will gain expertise from hands-on experiences during rotations, weekly didactic sessions, working in-clinic with a psychiatrist, and everything in-between. This residency will significantly impact our region’s ability to provide high-quality care to those in need. I am looking forward to our first residency class.”

Joining Dr. Lisa Rudolph-Watson as faculty members are Dr. Teron Verma, Dr. Kent Posey, Dr. Muhammad Alam, Dr. James Drury, Dr. Robert Maydell, Dr. Wendy Vandemark, and Dr. Joe Morgan. This new residency program is the latest in Colquitt Regional’s efforts to bring psychiatry services to South Georgia. In 2020, the hospital added a psychiatrist, Verma, to their medical staff and established Sterling Group Psychiatry, an outpatient psychiatry clinic.

“Access to mental health services in the state of Georgia is severely lacking,” said Hospital Authority Chairman Richard E. Turner, Jr. “Rural areas suffer even more by the shortage of psychiatric providers and programs available in our community. It is our hope that by training these physicians in Southwest Georgia, we can make a significant impact on mental healthcare in the region.”

MAKO MAKES A STATEMENT

NEW SURGICAL ROBOT ARRIVES AT COLQUITT REGIONAL

In August 2021 Colquitt Regional acquired a Stryker Mako Robotic-Arm that has been instrumental in providing a new level of care for total knee replacement patients. Robotic-arm assisted surgery is the latest orthopedic technology that offers the potential for a higher level of patient-specific implant alignment and positioning. This new approach allows surgeons to create an individualized 3D plan and perform joint replacement surgery using a surgeon-controlled robotic arm that helps execute the procedure with a high degree of accuracy.

“As an organization, we are always looking for the latest technology and techniques to implement,” said Colquitt Regional President and CEO Jim Matney. “We are proud to be the first and only hospital in our region to offer this innovative technology. This is just another way that we continue to deliver on our commitment to providing exceptional, elevated care to our patients and community.”

Total knee replacements in the United States are expected to increase 673 percent by 2030 and studies have shown that 30 percent of patients are dissatisfied after conventional knee replacement procedures.

“Dr. Franklin Davis has already proven to be a huge asset to our medical staff and we have seen him improve the quality of life of our patients who have orthopedic needs,” said Hospital Authority Chairman Richard E. Turner. “We applaud his efforts in bringing this new technology to our patients and hospital.”

Mako SmartRobotics consists of three unique components – 3D CT-based planning, AccuStop haptic technology and insightful data analytics. These elements ultimately help the surgeon visualize the affected area and aid in the maximum preservation of healthy soft tissue and bone. In clinical studies, Mako Total Knee demonstrated the potential for patients to experience less pain, less need for opiate analgesics, less need for inpatient physical therapy, reduction in length of hospital stay, improved knee

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flexion and soft tissue protection in comparison to manual techniques.

“Our goal is to get our patients back into their normal routine and activities as quickly and safely as possible – and the Mako robot is an incredible tool that we utilize to do just that,” said Franklin B. Davis, Jr., MD, Sterling Physician Group’s newest orthopedic surgeon.

The Mako system allows surgeons to visualize the procedure pre-operatively so that they can make a clear plan on how to position the implant all before entering the operating room. During surgery, the surgeon can validate that plan and make any necessary adjustments, while the robotic arm then allows them to execute that plan with a high level of accuracy and predictability.

“Total knee replacement is a highly-requested surgery and with the Mako we are able to be as minimally-invasive as possible, which leads to shorter recovery time and improved overall outcomes,” said Davis. “This state-of-the-art technology is transforming total knee replacement procedures and I am excited to offer it to patients in this region.”



Franklin B. Davis, Jr., MD
Orthopedic Surgeon

SPOTLIGHT ON DR. TRACEY BASTIAANS

STERLING PHYSICIAN GROUP'S NEW PLASTIC & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGEON

Not knowing exactly what she wanted to do in the future, Dr. Tracey Bastiaans had a gut feeling from a young age that she would end up working in the medical field. She can't pinpoint a precise time when she decided that was the career route she would take, but a slow, gradual passion began to take form that would eventually lead her on the path to becoming a physician.

"From a very young age I knew I wanted to work in the healthcare field," said Bastiaans. "I can't remember an exact moment or experience where I knew I wanted to be a physician, but it had somehow always been in the back of my mind. I didn't watch medical shows growing up, which could have influenced me, but I think I was always fascinated with biological sciences as a student."

It wasn't until college when she had the opportunity to shadow a cardiologist that it was confirmed to Bastiaans that practicing medicine was exactly what her career was meant to be and that medical school was the ultimate next step. Bastiaans attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, where she earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts. She then completed her master's degree in biomedical sciences at Midwestern University in Glendale, Arizona. Upon graduation, Bastiaans then went on to earn her medical degree in osteopathic medicine at Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. During medical school, Bastiaans considered several different options before finally settling on the specialty in which she now practices. Interestingly, plastic surgery was not at the top of her list in the beginning.

"Upon going to medical school, I thought I wanted to be an interventional cardiologist, but of course all of that changed," said Bastiaans. "After my first year of medical school, I had the opportunity to participate in an externship program during the summer months. While I had hoped to be working with an internist or cardiologist, I was actually placed with plastic surgeon, Dr. Linda Camp. I was very disappointed walking in on my first day, as I knew I wanted nothing to do with surgery. I quickly learned how wrong I was, and had an amazing summer working with Dr. Camp. From then on, the only thing I wanted to do was plastic surgery."

Once her specialty was decided and she finished medical school, she went on to complete a general surgery residency at Beaumont Health in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Afterwards, she continued her

education and training with a plastic surgery fellowship at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Bastiaans, originally from Wheaton, Illinois, never dreamed that she would end up in a rural, South Georgia town 942 miles away from her home. Through medical school connections and mutual friends, however, she found her way to Moultrie, Georgia after completing her fellowship.

"As I was looking for jobs during the last year of my fellowship, I came across a posting for a job opportunity at Colquitt Regional Medical Center and found out that they were in need of a plastic surgeon," said Bastiaans. "I was discussing job postings with one of my mentors, Dr. Michael Shafran, and he recognized the name of the medical center. He told me that he had a very good friend, Dr. Amber Holt, who he went through general surgery training with, that was practicing as a general surgeon there in Moultrie. As soon as I got on the phone with Amber, we immediately hit it off and she informed me of the opportunities that were available to start a plastic surgery practice in a community where I would be needed."

Everything quickly began to fall into place once the connection with Holt was made. Bastiaans made her way to Moultrie for an interview and visit. Shortly after her visit, she began making plans to move to town and join Sterling Physician Group.

"When I came for my interview, I immediately realized this is where I wanted to be," said Bastiaans. "Other opportunities restricted my ability to practice general plastic and reconstructive surgery, by only wanting to hire me for breast surgery, burn reconstruction, or another area of subspecialty in plastic surgery. Here, at Colquitt Regional, I get to practice all aspects of plastic surgery including breast reconstruction, burn and wound care, facial and body aesthetics, post-bariatric body contouring, hand surgery, as well as noninvasive cosmetic procedures."

Not only has practicing at Colquitt Regional and Sterling Physician Group allowed her to have a wider scope of practice opportunities, but it also affords her to be more significantly involved with patient care

"Being here has allowed me to shape my practice, and to continue my passion in both reconstructive and aesthetic plastic surgery," said Bastiaans. "I have been able to take





care of my patients and know that the business end of my practice is being handled effectively and efficiently. I get the time to be with my patients, where in larger cities, many times your patients can become just a number. I value the opportunity to get to know and educate my patients, so that we can work as a team to get the very best result in regards to return of function and a quality aesthetic result.”

Bastiaans is the very first plastic and reconstructive surgeon to join the team at Colquitt Regional and Sterling Physician Group. When asked about being the inaugural physician to offer these services, Bastiaans said she is “thankful” for the chance to be here and provide services to a place that has never had them locally.

“Colquitt Regional has given me the opportunity to not only build a new practice, but also my first practice,” said Bastiaans. “It is very humbling that the community and my patients put their faith and trust in me to help them achieve their reconstructive and/or aesthetic goals. As the area has not had a plastic surgeon, it is also very rewarding to provide

services that patients previously had to travel elsewhere for or may not have had the chance to have procedures due to added travel and financial burdens.”

Dr. Bastiaans specializes in:

- **Reconstructive Surgery:** breast reconstruction after mastectomy or lumpectomy, wound restoration and trauma reconstruction, scar revision and burn injuries
- **Aesthetic Surgery:** breast augmentation and reduction, gynecomastia, neck and face lift, eyelid lift, post-weight-loss body contouring such as tummy tuck, liposuction, arm lift, and thigh lift
- **Hand Surgery:** carpal tunnel, ganglion cysts, and structural repair after traumatic injuries
- **Other Aesthetic Procedures:** Botox and fillers

LOOKING FORWARD

NEW EDUCATION FACILITY

With the frequent addition of new units and departments outgrowing capacity, open space is very limited within the walls of the hospital. As this issue was brought to light several years ago, the administrative team and Colquitt County Hospital Authority members began to explore opportunities for further expansion. A new education services facility was proposed during those discussions and plans have been in motion ever since. This new two-story facility will boast over 39,000 sq. ft. of space. It will house Georgia South Family Medicine Residency Program and clinic, Georgia South's developing psychiatry residency program and future clinic, Colquitt Regional's Educational Services department, and offices for affiliated physicians, faculty, and staff.

"One of the major catalysts for this building has been the rapid growth of our medical education services and programs that are offered at Colquitt Regional," said Georgia South Designated Institutional Officer Jessica Rivenbark. "We are invested in the training of the next generation of physicians. This new facility furthers that commitment and will provide medical students, residents, and employees with elevated opportunities for learning."

The plans also include four simulation rooms, a computer lab, skills lab, classroom space, and an auditorium. Colquitt Regional graciously accepted a \$2 million pledge from Ameris Bank in 2018, which will go towards the construction of the facility. Funds raised through Georgia Heart Rural Tax Credit program will also be utilized. The hospital expects to break ground in late summer of 2022.

PARKING AREAS ENHANCED

Over the past few years, as the hospital continued to grow both in space and number of employees, a need for more parking became evident. Colquitt Regional cleared its open land on the west side of its campus in the summer of 2021, along with various other areas around the campus, to make room for additional employee and patient parking. The new education building will be situated directly behind The Vereen Center, where a majority of employee parking is currently located. Once the construction of the building begins, those spaces will be eliminated. The new parking areas will include 450 new parking spots and is on track to open in early 2022.

EXPANDED PSYCHIATRY SERVICES

One of the major challenges of living in a rural area is limited resources. Historically, rural areas have a more difficult time recruiting and retaining physicians, especially when it comes to specialized services. Psychiatry services are particularly minimal in Colquitt County and a large majority of the state. In 2020, Georgia was ranked number 50 in access to mental healthcare.

"This is an alarming statistic and a problem that we are actively trying to remedy," said Matney. "Colquitt Regional is proud to now have an expanded offering of psychiatry services and we are actively adding to those to allow us to better meet the mental health needs of Southwest Georgia."

In just the past two years, Colquitt Regional received a \$750,000 grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to aid in developing a psychiatry residency program, added psychiatrist Dr. Teron Verma to its staff, and implemented an intensive outpatient program at Sterling Group Senior Wellness.

"These additions have paved the way for our Inpatient Geropsychiatry Unit, which is expected to open in the early months of 2022," said Matney.

The multi-million-dollar geropsychiatric unit will be located on the second floor of the hospital and will have the capacity of 10 inpatients, along with a physician exam room, group therapy and dining room, consultation room, and a quiet activity room. This secured area will be aimed at safely treating adults aged 55 or older or individuals who live a geriatric lifestyle with mental illnesses or psychotic disorders, such as depression, dementia, and psychosis. With this new service at Colquitt Regional, Verma and his team will offer specialized care with an interdisciplinary approach that includes counseling, therapy, medical care, medication management, and group activities. Colquitt Regional is expected to open this new unit in the spring of 2022. In addition to the new education facility, parking lot expansion, and soon-opening geropsychiatry unit, Colquitt Regional has more coming down the pipe in the new year that will add to the successes of the previous year.



In 2021, Colquitt Regional's Educational Services department received simulation manikins to help with the training of nurses, medical students, and other learners. Once open, this equipment will be housed in the new education facility and will benefit the generations to come.

NEW PROVIDERS



Tracey Bastiaans, DO, MBS
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery



Kayla Batchelor, DO
Family Medicine



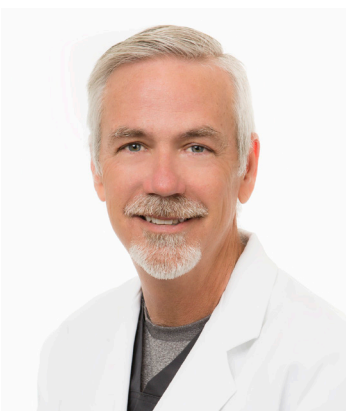
Eliran Bracha, DO
Pain Management



David Carle, MD, EMT-P
Emergency Medicine



Lacey Chambers, MD
Hospital Medicine, Pediatrics



Timothy B. Daniel, MD
Interventional Radiology



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Orthopedics



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Urology & Urogynecology



Fredrick D. Johnson, Jr, MD
Interventional Radiology



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Radiation Oncology

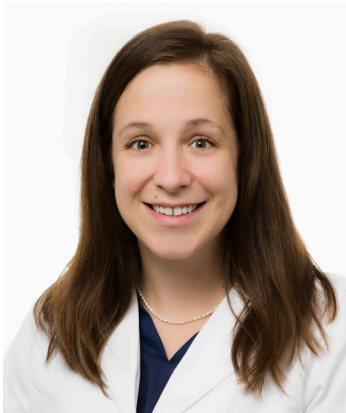


Kelli Kennedy, FNP-C
General and Vascular Surgery



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Internal Medicine

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Sarah Nuzzo, MD
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FINANCIALS

1,460
TOTAL
EMPLOYEES

\$87 Million
in salaries &
benefits

Financials

Salaries
= \$71 million

Net patient revenue
= \$194,482,319

Operating expenses
= \$182,535,841

Other/Non-Operating Income
= \$19,967,911

Depreciation & Amortization
= \$11,261,313

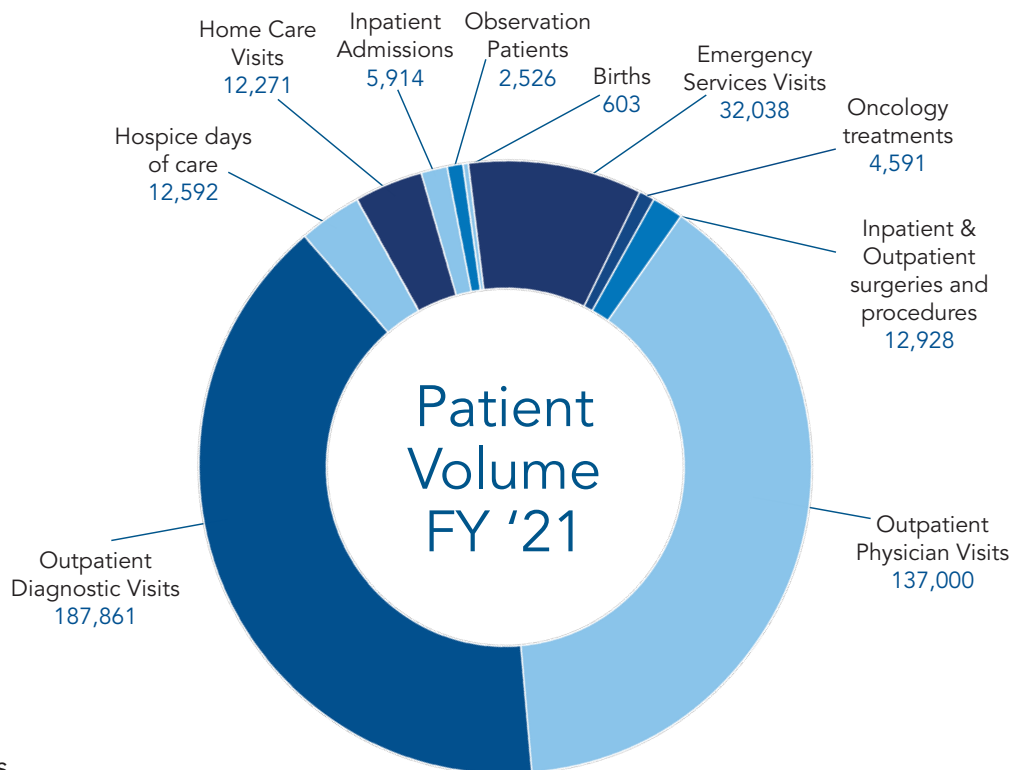
Interest Expense
= \$1,324,899

Contributions for
Property Acquisitions
= \$500,000

Total Growth in Net Assets
= \$36,823,467

Total Assets
= \$264,901,053

* Financials include data from Colquitt Regional
Medical Center and Sterling Physician Group



Charity & Indigent Care
= \$9,462,360

Uncollectable Debt
= \$39,269,629

Uncollectable/Discounted Care
= \$1,829,348

Total Payroll & Benefits
= \$87,835,371

Major Item Dashboard

Net Patient
Revenue

↑ 14%
from 2020

Outpatient
Diagnostic Visits

↑ 21%
from 2020

FROM THE FOUNDATION



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

In Spring of 2021, Dorothy Crapps was named the 2020 Volunteer of the Year. She has logged over 2,000 hours of service over the past 21 years here at Colquitt Regional. She is committed to providing exceptional service in The Pink Pearl gift shop. "Dorothy is reliable and great to work with each week," said Gift Shop Manager Sara Johnson. "She is attentive to our customers and always has a smile."



HARRISON HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Alex Shivers, LCSW, was named the 2021 recipient of the Walter E. Harrison, Jr., MD, Humanitarian Award. This award, named in memory of the beloved physician, is presented annually to an individual health care worker who demonstrates a commitment to compassionate health care service and community outreach. Shivers began his career at Colquitt Regional in 1997 and is a licensed medical social worker for Colquitt Regional Home Care Services. His primary role includes guiding families through various issues, from end-of-life planning to financial assistance to counseling those grieving. In addition, he co-chairs a hospice grief camp for children each summer.

58
TOTAL
VOLUNTEERS

8,373
VOLUNTEER
HOURS

\$72,000
GIVEN IN
SCHOLARSHIPS



2021

ANNUAL GIVING REPORT

GEORGIA HEART TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Last year, Colquitt Regional Medical Center was fortunate enough to receive over \$3.98 million through the Georgia Rural Hospital Tax Credit program. 246 Georgia taxpayers deferred their 2021 state income tax obligation to support our hospital in exchange for a 100% state income tax credit on their state tax return.

FOR THAT, WE ARE GRATEFUL!

These tax credit contributions went towards constructing a new inpatient geropsychiatry unit and Sterling Group Senior Wellness, which provides outpatient treatment for those over 65 years of age.

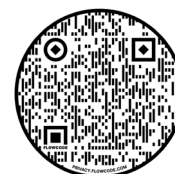


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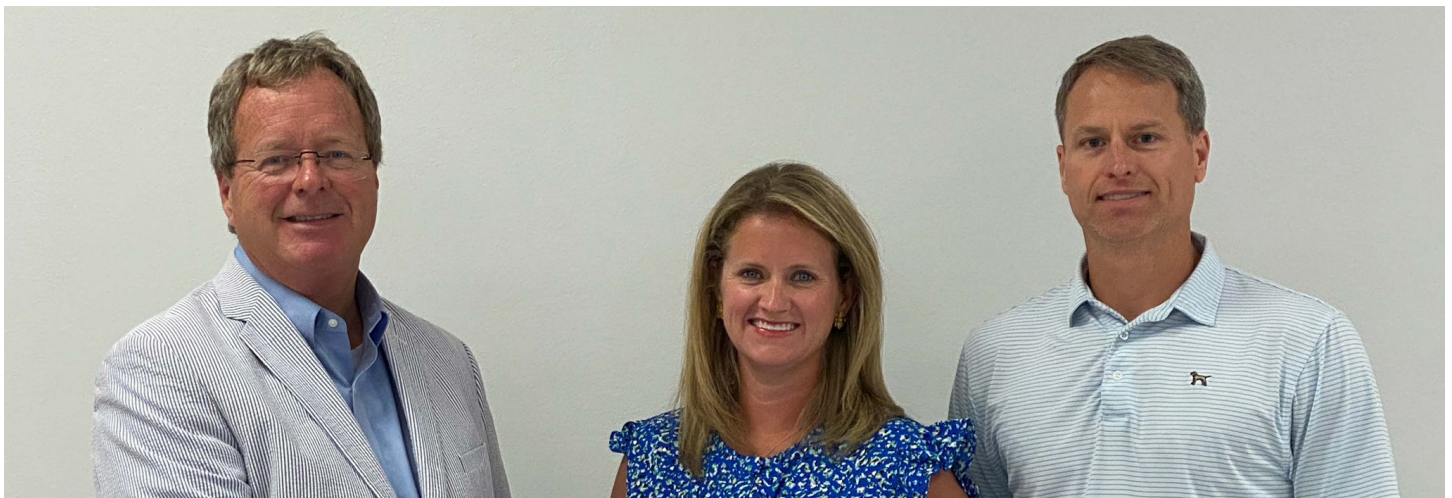
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WAYS TO GIVE

As a not-for-profit community hospital, Colquitt Regional Medical Center faces many challenges and needs. Support from private citizens helps provide the newest medical technology, improve patient care, upgrade existing facilities, and furnish education and preventive health opportunities for the community. The Colquitt Regional Medical Foundation funds are used for accomplishing these goals — not for operating expenses.

The Colquitt Regional Medical Foundation has established gift levels to encourage and recognize financial support from you, your friends, and neighbors. Colquitt Regional Medical Center is as basic and essential to community life as our churches and schools. Our hospital deserves the financial support of our community. Colquitt Regional Medical Foundation offers gift levels that provide an opportunity for each of us to make a gift to the hospital. We appreciate your consideration.



Giving Levels

Founders Society

This group of compassionate and generous individuals has made a one-time gift or pledge of \$10,000 or more to the Colquitt Regional Medical Foundation. Founders receive lifetime recognition.

Business Partners

Businesses and organizations have chosen to generously give to the Foundation to ensure the growth of our medical community's growth and economic growth. Business partners have made a one-time gift or pledge of \$10,000 or more to Colquitt Regional Medical Foundation. In addition, Business Partners receive lifetime recognition.

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The Society, named in honor of the founding year of Colquitt County's first public hospital, continues the tradition of those who saw an urgent need and met the challenge. We recognize these donors for their annual gift to the Foundation, ranging from \$100 to \$5,000. These donors also receive an annual lobby recognition and are listed in the Annual Report.

Other Ways to Give:

Georgia Heart Rural Tax Credit Program

The HEART Program is a remarkable and brilliant opportunity provided to Georgians by our elected officials. We are the only state in the nation whose taxpayers can financially support our state's rural hospitals – at no cost! You can provide essential improvements to health care in our community by contributing to Colquitt Regional Medical Center through the Georgia HEART program, in exchange for a 100% Georgia income tax credit.

Love Light Giving

Love Light is a celebratory way to kick off the holiday season and pay tribute to those we cherish. Purchasing a light is a brilliant way to commemorate someone very special. Your gift will benefit our Children's Fund, which will aid the future needs of our hospital's nursery, pediatrics and obstetrics services. Your tax-deductible gift will represent a symbolic light in our Love Light garden of trees displayed in the Kate Jeter Serenity Garden of Colquitt Regional Medical Center.

Kate Jeter Serenity Garden

We offer several gifts of remembrance, subject to availability. We also have several opportunities for a meaningful and lasting way to demonstrate your heartfelt expression of gratitude to a doctor, nurse, friend or relative. The Kate Jeter Serenity Garden is located beside the visitor's entrance of Colquitt Regional Medical Center. Proceeds from the inscribed brick pavers or benches, located in the garden, will benefit Colquitt Regional Medical Foundation helping to ensure that quality healthcare will be available in Colquitt County for generations to come.

