

# Palmetto Health

# University of South Carolina School of Medicine

As the capital city's only teaching hospital system, Palmetto Health sponsors 24 medical and dental residency and fellowship programs in affiliation with the USC School of Medicine.

The Palmetto Health system includes seven acute-care hospitals— Baptist Easley, Palmetto Health Baptist, Palmetto Health Baptist Parkridge, Palmetto Health Children's Hospital, Palmetto Health Heart Hospital, Palmetto Health Richland and Palmetto Health Tuomey—as well as an expansive physician practice network, dozens of affiliated clinics and specialty care practices. In Columbia, Palmetto Health Richland, Baptist and Baptist Parkridge have more than 1,200 beds.

Palmetto Health is a JCAHO-accredited institution with more than 12,000 team members including 1,000 physicians, representing approximately 100 specialties and subspecialties. Palmetto Health's hospitals are characterized by extraordinary care and these cutting-edge facilities and services:

- Children's Hospital
- Heart Hospital
- Simulation Center
- The Breast Center
- The Women's Center
- The Stroke Center
- Level 1 Emergency/Trauma Center
- Palmetto Senior Care
- Richland Springs
- Research Resources
- Women's and Children's Services
  - The Birthplace
  - Newborn Nursery
  - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
  - The Nesting Place
  - Lactation Services
- Gamma Knife Radiosurgery Center
- Palmetto Health Cancer Center
- Robotic Surgery Center—featuring the da Vinci® Surgical System

Palmetto Health's Vision: to be remembered by each patient as providing the care and compassion we want for our families and ourselves.

The USC School of Medicine boasts a beautiful, historic campus and modern classrooms, laboratories, and library facilities, which adjoin the Dorn VA Medical Center, one of the school's affiliate hospitals.

A distinguished core faculty of scientists, clinicians and practicing physicians brings outstanding academic training. This core faculty is complemented and enriched by a large number of community physicians who participate in both hospital clerkships and office preceptorships.

A major strength of the USC School of Medicine is the favorable faculty-student ratio, which allows close, personalized instruction and promotes valuable mentoring relationships. In the past decade, the school has emerged as a national leader in integrated ultrasound medical education.

Nearly 400 students are enrolled in the four-year MD program, which is fully accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the Association of American Medical Colleges. In addition, the school offers graduate programs in biomedical science, genetic counseling, nurse anesthesia, physician assistant studies, psychiatric rehabilitation, and rehabilitation counseling.

Clinical departments are located on the campuses of the school's major affiliate hospitals, Palmetto Health, Carolinas Medical Center, McLeod Regional Medical Center, and the Dorn VA Medical Center. Additionally, several facilities of the SC Department of Mental Health serve as host sites for clinical rotations. Through the Palmetto Health-USC Medical Group—which is comprised of more than 600 physicians and advanced care providers—and its affiliate hospitals, the School of Medicine fulfills its mission of serving the people of South Carolina and beyond through exemplary medical and health education, transformative research, and compassionate patient care.

In addition to the residency programs affiliated with Palmetto Health, the USC School of Medicine offers a fellowship in primary care ultrasound.

