

Irwin County Hospital

Ocilla, GA (Irwin County)

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Irwin County Hospital is located in Ocilla and Irwin County, Georgia, home of the Georgia Sweet Potato Festival and historic Jefferson Davis Park. We are located in an area that is considered economically challenged, but we refer to it as home. Irwin County Hospital continually strives to improve the quality of patient care and to address in a sustainable manner significant health care industry and local demographic changes.



As of the 2010 United States Census, 9,538 people resided in Ocilla and Irwin County, with the racial makeup being 67.6 % Caucasian, 28% percent African American, and the remaining population is comprised of two or more races. The median family income was \$51,262, with males having a median income of \$40,070 versus \$23,786 for females. The per capita income for the county was \$16,561. Approximately 14.9% of families and 25.4% of the population were below the poverty line, including 34.1% of those under age 18 and 15.3% of those age 65 and over.

Despite our socioeconomic obstacles, in 2016, Georgia Trend magazine ranked Irwin County Hospital as one of the state's top twenty-five small hospitals. The ranking was based on data produced by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"), which provides public information on more than 40 quality-related indicators, including patient experience, outcomes of care, process of care, and efficiency and value to the services rendered.

Irwin County Hospital is a 34-bed acute care facility offering a comprehensive range of medical services to Irwin and the surrounding counties. The hospital promotes healthier and happier lives by emphasizing core values such as integrity, commitment, quality, teamwork, and a patient-centered perspective. Irwin County Hospital is a non-profit corporation governed by a seven-member Board of Directors, and is served by a 66-member staff, including 8 active staff members, 30 consulting staff, and 15 courtesy (i.e., limited patient admittance and procedures) staff.

Irwin County Hospital's doctors, nurses, technicians, and support staff understand how important quality healthcare is to Southwest Georgia. For that reason, our employees go the extra mile to make sure your experience is a great one.

Irwin County Hospital offers:

24 Hour Physician-staffed Emergency Room
New, state of the art, Diagnostic Imaging Services
“The Birthing Place” – State of the Art Labor and Delivery Unit
Laboratory Medicine
Palemon Gaskins Nursing Home, a long-term care,
30-bed hospital-based nursing home that provides care to
both skilled and intermediate care patients.

Sleep Studies
Surgical Services

Our Birthing Place delivers over 400 babies per year, we handle more than 5,000 visits to our ER per year, and our nursing home maintains full capacity.

In providing these valuable services to our community, Irwin County Hospital faces numerous challenges to its financial viability and stability, including a source of funding for indigent care provided daily to our community. The loss of local industries and jobs has also impacted our patients’ ability to pay for services and continues to impact our local healthcare system.



Nevertheless, for the following reasons, we are optimistic about the hospital’s future:

- We have invested in state-of-the-art technology and continue to operate as a full-service hospital providing the healthcare needs of our community
- We continue to strengthen our services offering quality medical care, labor and delivery, surgical care, and emergency care.
- We consistently exceed the National average for quality of patient care.
- We consistently maintain an over 99% success rate of patients not acquiring hospital or surgical site infections.
- We have a quality, supportive, medical and support staff.

In closing, Irwin County Hospital’s core is in good condition; up-to-date equipment; the numbers of our highly trained medical professionals are growing; and our Administration is committed to making sure our community has the best primary healthcare available. With your generous support, we will focus on updating equipment in all departments. We will also continue to focus on assessing the healthcare needs of our community and will continuously strive to deliver high quality services efficiently and affordably to the citizens of Ocilla and surrounding counties.

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