

# Jasper Memorial Hospital

Monticello, Jasper County, Georgia

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Jasper Memorial Hospital's mission to provide high quality healthcare and health education services to the Citizens of Jasper County. We're committed to providing you and your family with healthcare that's compassionate and convenient.

Our team of experienced and qualified physicians, nurses and clinical technicians work hard every day to offer you a wide range of health services, including Emergency Care, Primary Care, Cardiology, Extended Care Swing Bed, Outpatient Services and diagnostic studies. For inpatient care, the hospital is licensed for 17 acute care beds including our skilled nursing unit, which serves patients requiring extended care.

Jasper Memorial Hospital (JMH) is located in Monticello near the geographic center of Georgia, providing healthcare to the 13,000 residents living in Jasper County. The largest places in Jasper County, Ga by population are Monticello, GA and Shady Dale, GA. The median household income in 2017 was \$42,067.

In December 1951 Jasper Memorial Hospital was dedicated and opened its doors to the community. In the 1970's the Retreat Nursing Home was added adjacent to the hospital to offer Nursing Home Beds to Jasper County. In 1995 the physician office, Primary Care Center of Monticello was opened. In 2000 JMH was approved for Critical Access Designation by the Department of Community Health.

Jasper Memorial Hospital is fully accredited by The Center's for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In addition, all our Radiologists are board certified by the American College of Radiology, and all of our Radiologic Technologists are certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. Recent improvements in the department include installing a digital radiography software system. The software has improved patient safety by reducing the amount of radiation to the patient by fifty percent. Laboratory services at the hospital are accredited by CMS.

JMH is committed to patient-centered care and is focused on quality improvements at every level of the patient experience. Through programs led by the Health Research and Educational Trust, The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Projects, and Stroudwater Analytics, every process from admission to post-discharge is reviewed to ensure that each patient receives care that is safe, compassionate and personalized to their specific illness or injury. We're proud of the important role we play in bringing quality healthcare to Monticello and Jasper County.

According to the Georgia Department of Public Health, Jasper County's top five diseases were Cardiovascular Disease, Cancer, Respiratory Disease, Infectious Disease, and Diabetes. As a result of these findings, focus areas have been identified and the hospital has developed a strategic plan around the needs it can most effectively influence. This plan focuses on developing and/or supporting initiatives that will hopefully improve the following health needs in Jasper County: Disease Education and Access to Care.

Jasper Memorial Hospital does not routinely generate significant amounts of excess net revenue so adding new equipment and expanding services is extremely difficult without an extra source of funds, such as donations under this tax credit program. We have significant physical plant issues as our facility was constructed in the early 1950s and suffers from both age and limits on physical space.

Depending on the funds received, we will explore the addition of mammography services as this was identified as a community need during our September 2016 Community Needs Health Assessment. Adequate funds would allow the acquisition of mammography equipment and would permit the recruiting of an appropriately trained technician to operate the equipment, either on a full time or part time basis.

Although we have a strong Physical, Speech, and Occupational Therapy program, it is confined by the limited space available in our building. A goal is to reclaim some of the physical space currently occupied by administrative activities and reconfigure it for use by the Therapy Department for expansion of services.

Jasper Memorial Hospital implemented an Electronic Health Record for the hospital and physician clinic, Cerner Community Works, on January 15, 2018 after much due diligence, discussion, and commitment by the staff. This is a multimillion-dollar commitment to improve patient care through coordination with other facilities and have an electronic transfer of medical information when our patients are sent to larger tertiary care facilities. Jasper Memorial Hospital will successfully attest to Meaningful Use in 2018 and avoid any possible future payment reduction penalties from the federal government.

A high percentage of our patient population is either elderly or low income which creates issues in traveling for sub-specialty care. We would look to pursue additional sub-specialty clinics to further meet the needs of our community.

We plan to take a flexible approach based on the amount of the funds received and will match funds to projects based on estimated costs, with priority given to identified community needs.