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HEALTHCARE

The reassuring factor of an outstanding medical community is available in Ocala and Marion County. The area attracts world-renowned physicians specializing in cardiology and stroke care. The caliber of physicians and medical support staff is exceptional. Three of Ocala's premier hospitals, Munroe Regional Medical Center and Ocala Health, which consists of Ocala Regional Medical Center and West Marion Community Hospital, have received nationally recognized awards.

Munroe Regional Medical Center has been named Marion County's most preferred hospital for overall quality and image and having the best doctors and nurses for six consecutive years by the National Research Corporation.

Ocala Regional Medical Center and West Marion Community Hospital have been named as one of America's 50 Best Hospitals for 2009 by HealthGrades®, a national independent healthcare ratings company for the third year in a row. They also received the Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence among other numerous awards in several different service areas.

Additionally, Ocala's close proximity to the University of Florida's Shands Teaching Hospital, has given our community a wealth of expert health care providers.

Ocala's hospitals are meeting healthcare needs in the community and doing so with excellence.

Founded in 1898, Munroe Regional Medical Center is a 421-bed, full service, community hospital devoted to meeting the needs of Ocala/Marion County. The Medical Center has received many awards and accolades for outstanding clinical excellence and for patient safety. Munroe has been named Central Florida's best heart hospital for overall cardiac services and is ranked in the Top 5% of hospitals in America for overall cardiac care in 2009 by HealthGrades®. In addition, Munroe is the only community hospital in the United States to be designated as one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals® for cardiovascular care by Thomson Reuters nine times. Always on the cutting edge of technology, Munroe is recognized as the world leader in performing a revolutionary procedure called EsophyX, which treats heartburn. The medical center also has the distinction of being recognized as a Bariatric Center of Excellence and is Marion County's only Primary Stroke Center accredited by Joint Commission. In addition to superior cardiovascular and bariatric care, Munroe specializes in urology, emergency medicine, OB/women's services, general surgery, critical care, neurosurgery, interventional radiology, stroke, diabetes and heart failure.

Located on Highway 200, Munroe's Emergency Center at TimberRidge is a full-service emergency care center that is open 24 hours a day and is staffed by board-certified emergency physicians. Part of Munroe Regional's Emergency Department, the Center sees over 23,500 patients a year and offers a full range of emergency department services.

Ocala Regional Medical Center is a 200-bed facility located in the heart of Ocala, with the only Commission on Cancer approved cancer center in Marion County and has an academic affiliation with the Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute to give cancer patients access to the best treatments and research available in their own community. Ocala Health is fighting the obesity epidemic at its Bariatric Center, which has been named a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence by the American Society of Bariatric Surgeons and has been rated #1 in the state of Florida for Overall Bariatric Surgery by HealthGrades®. It is headed by one of the top bariatric surgeons in the country. Ocala Regional Medical Center is a full-service hospital that offers a host of medical services including bariatric surgery, cardiac and vascular, emergency, neurological and rehabilitation services.

West Marion Community Hospital is a 70-bed all private room hospital located in West Marion County. West Marion Community Hospital offers a full-service emergency department, digital mammography at the Breast Health Center and Marion County's only inpatient Joint Care Center. Medical services include traditional surgery, radiological services and a variety of outpatient services.

Radiology Associates of Ocala offers the latest advances in medical imaging including digital mammography, breast MRI, PET/CT and stereotactic breast biopsy. Their team of specialty-trained radiologists service three Medical Imaging Center locations, TimberRidge Imaging Center and staff all three local hospitals. The Women's Imaging Center and TimberRidge Imaging Center have the prestigious designation of ACR Breast Imaging Centers of Excellence.

Our mental health services have expanded with The Vines moving to the area and the expansion of The Centers inpatient facility.

The Vines Hospital offers an excellent array of services for children, adolescents, adults, or mature adults dealing with Substance Abuse or Psychiatric Illness. The 95-bed facility specializes in treatments such as Detox, Acute Care, Inpatient, Residential, Partial Hospitalization and Outpatient Services.

The Centers, founded in 1972 and fully accredited by The Joint Commission, offers a full continuum of mental health and substance abuse services to help people of all ages reach their highest level of functioning. With recent expansions, The Centers houses 50 Acute Care beds, 50 Adult Residential Substance Abuse beds, and 15 Adolescent Residential Substance Abuse beds. With over 800 different services available to the community everyday, The Centers is *Rebuilding Hope* for the community's most vulnerable citizens.

Hospice of Marion County, Inc. employs more than 400 professionals who provide comfort care for the terminally ill. Its four Hospice Houses are state-of-the-art facilities that offer all private rooms and suites.

Medical Professionals

Chiropractors	64
Dental Hygienists	180
Dentists	259
Dental Radiographers	113
Medical Doctors	515
Nurses, Practical	1,120
Nurses, Registered	3,365
Opticians	76
Optometrists	25
Osteopathic Physicians	45
Pharmacists	216
Podiatrists	16
Psychologists	40
Therapists, Massage	79
Therapists, Occupational	86
Therapists, Physical	159

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