



Effingham Health System
Trauma Center Spotlight
May 21, 2024

Level 4 Trauma Center

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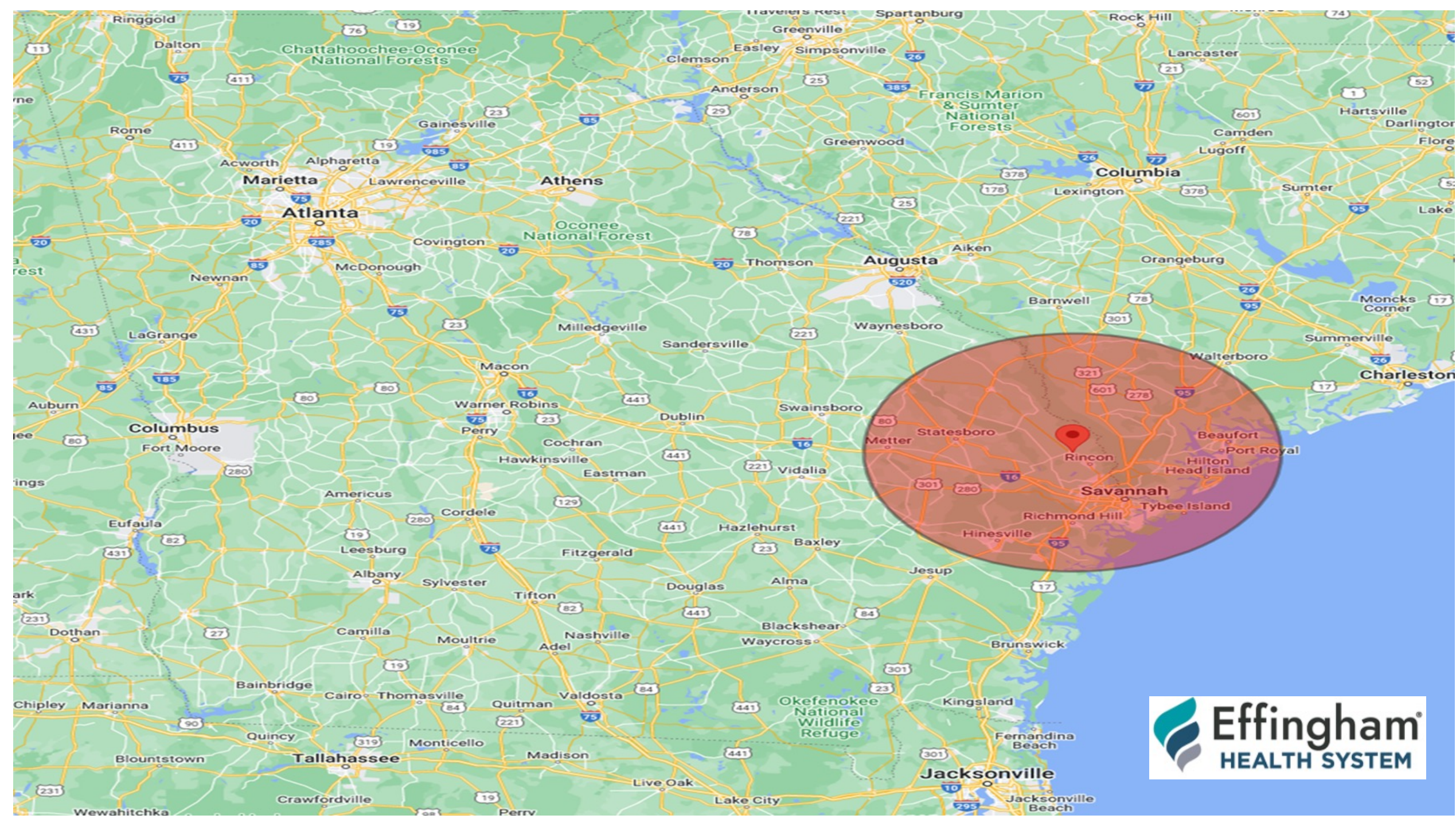
Springfield, Georgia

32 miles from Savannah

95 miles from Augusta

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System Overview

12 Bed Emergency Department with **Low Acuity Treatment Area**

25 Critical Access Beds

105 Bed Skilled Nursing Facility

Five (5) Primary Care Practice Offices

Pediatric Primary Care Office

Occupational Medicine Office

Women's Health Specialty Clinic

Specialty Care Partnerships for **Cardiology, Oncology, and Orthopedics**

Two (2) OR Suites with **Da Vinci Robotic Surgery Program**

Over 500 Employees

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ED Staffing Model

- 1 EDMD
- 2 APP
- 4 EDRNs
- 2 ED Techs

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Trauma Team

Dr. Fran Witt – President and Chief Executive Officer

Dr. David Kiefer – Trauma Medical Director, Vice Chief Medical Officer, Chief of Emergency Medicine

Guillermo Soto – TPM, Emergency Department Director

Lindsey Lewis – Interim Trauma Coordinator

Amy Davis – Trauma Administrator, Executive Director of Nursing

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2023 Volume Indicators

- 80 Trauma Patients
- 69 Blunt, 9 Penetrating, 2 Burns
- 51 Falls, 6 MVA, 7 ATVA, 6 GSW, 10 Other
- 40 ISS 1-8, 37 ISS 9-15, 2 ISS 16-24, 1 ISS 25-40
- 11 < 14yo, 35 > 65yo
- 79 Transfers, 1 Death

Trauma Program Initiatives & Successes



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Challenges

Growth in county population

- Growth rate of Effingham 15.2% from 2015 to 2020 and is projected to grow at 13% through 2025, well above the rest of the state.
- Increased census in ED causing through-put issues – Added Low Acuity Treatment Area in December 2023, increased staffing model to two APPs and added one additional nurse to each shift.

EMS Staffing- Transport Issues

- Delays in transfer due to all EMS units out on calls in the county
- EMS unable to staff more trucks due to lack of staff. EMS unable to obtain new trucks due to supply chain issues

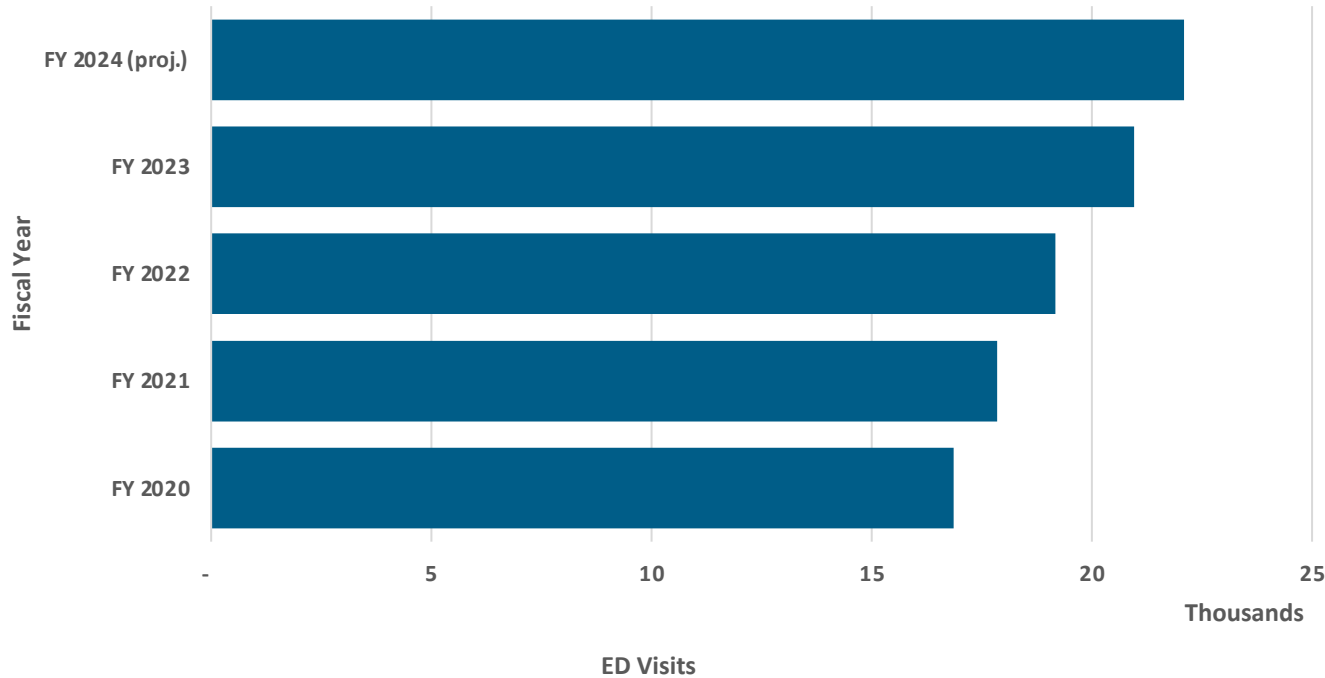
Trauma Coordinator Turnover

- Coordinator often pulled into unit staffing causing PI follow-up to lag
- Previous Coordinators had no trauma program/ PI experience
- New Coordinator with experience hired May 2024

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ED Visits by Fiscal Year



FY 2024 (proj.)	22,088
FY 2023	20,952
FY 2022	19,175
FY 2021	17,845
FY 2020	16,858

- Over 30% increase in ED Visits from FY2020 to FY2024.
- Low Acuity Treatment Area, which opened in December 2023, is contributing to a projected 5% increase from FY2023 to FY2024. 2654 patients seen in that area from Jan-April.

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Thank You!

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