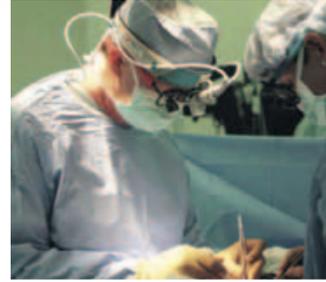


## Memorial Health Care System

INSPIRED MEDICINE

The phenomenal growth that the City of Chattanooga was experiencing in the post-World War II era posed numerous challenges, including the provision of adequate healthcare services to the burgeoning population. The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Kentucky, prayerfully accepted that



▲ Dr. Richard C. Morrison, thoracic surgeon.

challenge and agreed to operate Memorial Hospital, a non-profit healthcare facility built with three million dollars in donations from the men, women, and children of Chattanooga who opened up their hearts for the project. Memorial Hospital opened its door to its first patients in 1952, committed to providing the highest possible standards of compassionate health care to the people of eastern Tennessee and northern Georgia.

Over the next half century, the hospital established by those visionary women evolved into Memorial Health Care System, a nationally recognized, faith-based healthcare organization offering the latest in medical technology and health resources. That foundation of faith and dedication to excellence was further strengthened in 1997 when Memorial joined Catholic Health Initiatives, a national non-profit, faith-based health organization operating seventy-eight hospitals in twenty-two states.

The acquisition of Memorial North Park Hospital in 1998 gave Memorial Health Care System two acute care hospitals and made faith-based quality care convenient to residents north of the Tennessee River. Memorial is now a recognized center of choice with 4,000 associates, more than 500 volunteers, and upwards of 700 affiliated doctors providing healthcare to patients in the region. In addition to being the region's premier choice for cardiac, cancer, and orthopedic care, Memorial

offers a continuum of care, including preventive, primary, and acute hospital care.

### CANCER INSTITUTE

Memorial's Cancer Institute is the leading provider of cancer services in the Chattanooga area. The Institute's comprehensive program includes seven centers of excellence relying on the latest in advanced technologies, such as the da Vinci® robot for minimally invasive treatment of prostate and colorectal cancers. In 2007, Memorial opened the MaryEllen Locher Breast Center of Excellence, the area's first comprehensive breast center with the latest technology, including digital mammography, a dedicated breast MRI, ultrasound and stereotactic diagnostics, bone density, cancer risk counseling, community outreach, and a wide array of support services for women's breast health and breast cancer needs. The Joe and Virginia Schmissrauter Centers for Cancer Support offer a variety of free support services, educational classes, and support groups for patients and families. An experienced, multidisciplinary staff includes an oncology nurse educator, chaplain, clinical social worker, clinical dietitian, and certified massage therapist. Memorial's Mobile Health Coach brings mammography and health education out to the workplace and to rural communities.

### ORTHOPEDIC CENTER

The continuum of care at Memorial's Orthopedic Center of Excellence includes

a Joint Replacement Center, a Spine Center, Sports Medicine Program, and Center for Rehabilitation. The Joint Replacement Center provides patients with pre-surgery patient education and specialized hospital and out-patient rehabilitation for rapid recovery. The Center's surgeons, many of whom are fellowship trained, utilize the latest joint replacement techniques.

The Spine Center at Memorial Hospital was the first in the area to perform lumbar disc replacement surgery by a dedicated team of surgical specialists who lead the way in minimally invasive techniques and in national and international research. Services include spinal fusion, implants, and pain management.

Memorial's fellowship-trained specialists in the Sports Medicine Program work with high school, college, and professional athletes. They offer the most effective surgical and non-surgical treatments, as well as a dedicated sports injury management team, for sports-related injuries.

With inpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapies, the Center for Rehab at Memorial offers valuable support for patients recovering from sports injuries and orthopedic surgery. The center also offers three convenient locations for outpatient physical therapy and specialized programs for aquatic and balance therapy.

### REGIONAL HEART CENTER

The team of cardiac specialists at Memorial's Regional Health Center has trained at some of the most renowned medical programs in the country. For more than a half century, Memorial has been the leading provider of cardiac care in the Chattanooga area, bringing patients the most accurate cardiac diagnosis and treatment options for optimum outcomes.

Memorial performs more than eight hundred cardiac procedures per year, and performs twice as many open heart procedures as any other area hospital, far exceeding the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology recommendations that a facility meet or exceed a minimum volume of two hundred cardiac procedures per year.

Memorial and Memorial North Park Hospitals each provide imaging services that include echocardiography, stress echocardiography, transesophageal echocardiography, and nuclear cardiology. Memorial Hospital has five cardiac catheterization laboratories, two electrophysiology laboratories, and one tilt room for specialized cardiac testing.

Emergency Centers at Memorial and Memorial North Park Hospitals are each Accredited Chest Pain Centers. Emergency personnel utilize the most advanced technologies available for diagnosis and treatment.

### OUTREACH PROGRAMS

In keeping with its mission of caring for all in the community, Memorial

dedicates significant resources for programs and services that increase access to health care for the poor and uninsured and improve the health of the citizens of the Chattanooga area. Memorial partners with Project Access, the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department, the Homeless Health Care Clinic, Catholic Charities, and other agencies to ensure that medical care is available for everyone. Memorial North Shore Health Center and Memorial Westside Health Center offer primary and preventive care and social services regardless of ability to pay.

### LEADING THE WAY

Memorial's dedicated professionals and the leading edge techniques they offer, combined with compassionate care, have resulted in Memorial Health Care System being rated among the top healthcare providers in the region. Memorial is rated one of the top three hospitals in Tennessee for cardiac and vascular

care. It is also recognized as one of the nation's "100 Top Hospitals"® by Thomson Reuters, the industry's leading source of information on hospital quality.

"Memorial is blessed with devoted associates, dedicated physicians, a management team of the highest caliber, and wonderful volunteers and board members who bring vitality and insight to our ministry," states James M. Hobson, FACHE, the President and CEO of Memorial Health Care System. "Health care at Memorial is not just advanced – it's inspired."

▼ James M. Hobson, president and chief executive officer



▼ Memorial Hospital, Glenwood campus.

