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MUSC Health Announces New Hospital Name

MUSC Health proudly announces MUSC Health Black River Medical Center as the name of the new hospital currently under construction in the Williamsburg/Lake City region.

“Giving this MUSC Health facility its name provides us another opportunity to celebrate the building of this hospital with the Williamsburg, Lake City and Kingstree communities,” said Patrick Cawley, M.D., MUSC Health system CEO and Vice President of Health Affairs, University. “Part of our mission to improve the lives of all South Carolinians is served by establishing partnerships and presence throughout the state. We’re excited to move ahead with the project, and we can’t wait to help serve these local communities.”

“This is very exciting as it is another step toward being able to provide MUSC’s high quality, innovative care closer to home for those in this area. We are committed to preserving and optimizing human life in South Carolina and beyond through education, research, and patient care, and this new location will allow us to continue with this mission,” said Jay Hinesley, MHA, FACHE, MUSC Health Florence Division CEO.

The expected opening date for MUSC Health Black River Medical Center is January 2023.

MUSC Health Black River Medical Center is being built to replace Williamsburg and Lake City hospitals and will become part of the Florence Division of MUSC Health. This hospital will feature 25 licensed beds, full operating and diagnostic services, a 16-bay emergency department, and the latest capabilities in telehealth. The project represents MUSC’s ongoing effort to extend its mission to communities and citizens across the state.

About MUSC

Founded in 1824 in Charleston, MUSC is home to the oldest medical school in the South as well as the state's only integrated academic health sciences center, with a unique charge to serve the state through education, research and patient care. Each year, MUSC educates and trains more than 3,000 students and nearly 800 residents in six colleges: Dental Medicine, Graduate Studies, Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy. MUSC brought in more than \$271 million in biomedical research funds in fiscal year 2020, continuing to lead the state in obtaining National Institutes of Health funding, with more than \$129.9 million. For information on academic programs, visit musc.edu.

As the clinical health system of the Medical University of South Carolina, MUSC Health is dedicated to delivering the highest quality and safe patient care while training generations of compassionate, competent health care providers to serve the people of South Carolina and beyond. Close to 25,000 care team members provide care for patients at 14 hospitals with approximately 2,500 beds and 5 additional hospital locations in development, more than 300 telehealth sites and nearly 750 care locations situated in the Lowcountry, Midlands, Pee Dee and Upstate regions of South Carolina. In 2021, for the seventh consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report named MUSC Health the No. 1 hospital in South Carolina. To learn more about clinical patient services, visit muschealth.org.

MUSC and its affiliates have collective annual budgets of \$4.4 billion. The more than 25,000 MUSC team members include world-class faculty, physicians, specialty providers and scientists who deliver groundbreaking education, research, technology and patient care.

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