



Vitruvian Health

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Perez named CMO at Hamilton Medical Center

DALTON, Ga. (August 22, 2025) – Hamilton Medical Center, part of Vitruvian Health, recently named Ricardo Perez, DO, JD, FACOI, its new chief medical officer.

Perez has served as the regional chief of hospital medicine at Jefferson Health-East Region in Stratford, N.J., since July 2023.

His previous roles at Jefferson Health included vice president of Jefferson Medical Group and associate chief medical officer of Methodist Hospital. He also worked at Kennedy Health (which Jefferson Health later acquired) as the founding medical director of its hospitalist program and chief of medicine and chief clinical officer for its Accountable Care Organization.

Perez earned a Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine in Stratford, N.J.; a Juris Doctorate from Rutgers School of Law in Camden, N.J.; and a Bachelor of Science in biology at the College of New Jersey in Ewing, N.J.

Perez is responsible for clinical quality and performance improvement, medical staff services, accreditation, hospitalists and intensivists. He is fluent in Spanish.

“We are thrilled Dr. Perez has accepted this leadership role,” said Sandy McKenzie, HMC president and CEO. “He is committed to ensuring Hamilton continues to provide excellent healthcare.”

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Ricardo Perez, DO, JD, FACOI

About Vitruvian Health

Vitruvian Health, formerly Hamilton Health Care System, is a not-for-profit, fully integrated health system serving the Northwest Georgia and Southeast Tennessee regions. Vitruvian includes Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton, Ga., and Bradley Medical Center in Cleveland, Tenn., affiliated physician practices, walk-in care centers, retirement and skilled nursing centers, a diagnostic center, a cancer institute, an institute for children with developmental delays, and more. Known for its advanced care and personalized service, Vitruvian Health offers innovative treatment options in state-of-the-art facilities while maintaining a compassionate, friendly and tranquil healing environment.

The Vitruvian name draws from the organization's recognizable da Vinci-inspired Vitruvian Man icon, which has been a prominent part of Hamilton's logo since 1976. Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man represents harmony, balance, and the interconnectedness of all aspects of health, perfectly aligning with Hamilton's integrated system of care.

About Hamilton Medical Center

The flagship affiliate for Vitruvian Health's Northwest Georgia region, Hamilton Medical Center (HMC) is a 255-bed regional acute-care hospital that offers major medical, surgical and diagnostic services, including accredited stroke and chest pain centers. Advanced technology and wellness are two significant areas of focus for HMC. Services include the freestanding Hamilton Ambulatory Surgery Center, Hamilton Diagnostics Center, and Bradley Wellness Center, as well as a Level II trauma center, Peebles Cancer Institute, Heart & Vascular program (including open heart surgery), Hamilton Spine Health and Sport, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and more.