

Atrium Health Navicent Hospitals Granted National Certification for Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation

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MACON, Ga., Nov. 29, 2022 – Atrium Health Navicent is proud to announce that the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation ([AACVPR](#)) has granted national certification to Atrium Health Navicent Cardiac & Pulmonary Rehabilitation, a Facility of Atrium Health Navicent Baldwin, and renewed certification for Atrium Health Navicent Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation in Macon. AACVPR certification recognizes the programs' commitment to improving patients' quality of life by enhancing standards of care.

Cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation programs are designed to help people with cardiovascular conditions and pulmonary conditions recover faster and live healthier. The programs include exercise, education, counseling and support for patients and their families.

AACVPR-certified programs are leaders in the cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation field because they offer the most advanced practices available and have proven track records of high-quality patient care.

"Cardiopulmonary rehabilitation plays a vital role not only in a patient's recovery, but also in helping a patient to live his or her best life," said Atrium Health Navicent Chief Medical Officer Dr. Patrice Walker. "Achieving this designation, and continuing it, is a reflection of our teammates' drive for excellence in all we do. Thank you AACVPR for this recognition!"

To earn certification and recertification, Atrium Health Navicent Baldwin and Atrium Health Navicent The Medical Center's cardiopulmonary rehabilitation programs participated in an application process that requires extensive documentation of program practices. AACVPR Program Certification is the only peer-review accreditation process designed to review individual programs for adherence to standards and guidelines developed and published by AACVPR and other related professional societies.

Each program's application is reviewed by the AACVPR Program Certification Committee, and certification is awarded by the AACVPR Board of Directors.

About AACVPR

Founded in 1985, the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation is a multidisciplinary organization dedicated to the mission of reducing morbidity, mortality and disability from cardiovascular and pulmonary disease through education, prevention, rehabilitation, research and disease management. Central to the core mission is improvement in quality of life for patients and their families.

About Atrium Health Navicent

Atrium Health Navicent is the leading provider of healthcare in central and south Georgia and is committed to its mission of elevating health and well-being through compassionate care. Atrium Health Navicent provides high-quality, personalized care in 53 specialties at more than 50 facilities throughout the region. As part of the largest, integrated, nonprofit health system in the Southeast, it is also able to tap into some of the nation's leading medical experts and specialists with Atrium Health, allowing it to provide the best care close to home – including advanced innovations in virtual medicine and care. Throughout its 125-year history in the community, Atrium Health Navicent has remained dedicated to enhancing health and wellness for individuals throughout the region through nationally recognized quality care, community health initiatives and collaborative partnerships. It is also one of the leading teaching hospitals in the region, helping to ensure viability for rural health care for the next generation. For more information, please visit www.NavicentHealth.org.