

## **Atrium Health Navicent Baldwin Achieves Pathway to Excellence Designation** *Hospital is one of 11 in Georgia recognized by the American Nurses Association program*

**MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., Nov. 21, 2024** – [Atrium Health Navicent Baldwin](#) has received the prestigious Pathway to Excellence Program designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association. Pathway to Excellence is the premier designation for healthy work environments and recognizes health care organizations that demonstrate a commitment to establishing the foundation of a healthy workplace for staff.

“Patients benefit from the highest quality of care when our nurses have professional development opportunities, a safe work environment and supportive leadership dedicated to their success,” said Atrium Health Navicent Chief Nurse Executive [Tracey Blalock](#). “Congratulations to Atrium Health Navicent Baldwin on achieving this designation!”

Atrium Health Navicent Baldwin is one of 11 Pathway to Excellence designated hospitals in Georgia and one of 231 in the nation.

To achieve the Pathway to Excellence designation, Atrium Health Navicent Baldwin met the ANCC’s six overarching standards that form the framework of a healthy work environment: shared decision-making, leadership, safety, quality, well-being and professional development. The review included a review of documentation, teammate narratives and comprehensive surveys completed by nearly every nurse at the hospital.

“Nurses are on the front line of care provided each day Atrium Health Navicent Baldwin, and we’re so proud that the ANCC recognizes our dedication to teammates,” said [Thomas Goss](#), Atrium Health Navicent Baldwin’s chief operating officer. “Supporting a positive work environment and a culture of safety and teamwork directly impacts patient experience, including patient safety.”

With Atrium Health Navicent Baldwin’s Pathway designation, all Atrium Health Navicent hospitals now hold Pathway or Magnet designation. [Atrium Health Navicent The Medical Center](#) is a four-time Magnet recipient. Magnet designation recognizes a hospital’s commitment to excellence in nursing leadership, professional development, community impact, professional practice, quality patient care and innovation. [Atrium Health Navicent Peach](#) became [the first](#) in Advocate Health to receive the Pathway to Excellence designation earlier this year.

Atrium Health Navicent Baldwin is part of Advocate Health, the third-largest nonprofit integrated health system in the United States which includes 12 ANCC Magnet-designated hospitals and four Pathway to Excellence-designated hospitals.

### **About Atrium Health Navicent**

Atrium Health Navicent is the leading provider of health care in central and south Georgia and is committed to its mission of elevating health and well-being through compassionate care. Atrium Health Navicent is part of [Advocate Health](#), which is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is the third-largest nonprofit health system in the United States, created from the combination of Atrium Health and Advocate Aurora Health. 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](http://www.NavicentHealth.org).

### **About Advocate Health**

[Advocate Health](#) is the third-largest nonprofit integrated health system in the United States – created from the combination of Advocate Aurora Health and [Atrium Health](#). Providing care under the names [Advocate Health Care](#) in Illinois, Atrium Health in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama, and [Aurora Health Care](#) in Wisconsin, Advocate Health is a national leader in clinical innovation, health outcomes, consumer experience and value-based care. Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, Advocate Health services nearly 6 million patients and is engaged in hundreds of clinical trials and research studies, with [Wake Forest University School of Medicine](#) serving as the academic core of the enterprise. It is nationally recognized for its expertise in cardiology, neurosciences, oncology, pediatrics and rehabilitation, as well as organ transplants, burn treatments and specialized musculoskeletal programs. Advocate Health employs 155,000 teammates across 69 hospitals and over 1,000 care locations and offers one of the nation’s largest graduate medical education programs with over 2,000 residents and fellows across more than 200 programs. Committed to providing equitable care for all, Advocate Health provides more than \$6 billion in annual community benefits.

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