

HARRIS

REGIONAL HOSPITAL

A Duke LifePoint Hospital



A Century of Service to Western North Carolina

Serving the community since **1925**, Harris Regional Hospital provides healthcare for a population of more than **100,000** people in the western counties of North Carolina. With physician leadership at its core, the hospital was established by two doctors and originally opened on the courthouse hill in the center of Sylva, NC. The hospital moved to its current location in 1959 and has experienced significant expansions over the last seven decades.

A Key Economic Partner

Harris Regional Hospital, its sister hospital Swain Community Hospital, and the outpatient facility Harris Regional Hospital Medical Park of Franklin provide stable employment for more than **900** people living in western North Carolina. The hospitals own and operate more than a dozen physician practices providing primary and subspecialty care in Jackson, Swain and Macon counties, and an urgent care center in Sylva. The hospital operates the EMS service for Jackson County and has bases stationed throughout the county.

As a community partner and tax-paying entity in Jackson County, Harris Regional Hospital provides nearly **\$7 million** annually in charity and uncompensated care, community benefit programs, and local and state taxes.

In addition, the hospital has invested nearly **\$10 million** in capital improvements and has an annual payroll of almost **\$51 million**.

Healthcare Access for the Community

Harris Regional Hospital has a Medical Staff of more than **100** physicians practicing in nearly **25** specialties. Local access to a broad range of services helps make the community healthier and stabilizes the employer base by providing access to employee wellness initiatives through the multiple community partnerships the hospital has established.

A National Quality Partner

Duke LIFEPOINT
HEALTHCARE

Since 2014 Harris Regional Hospital and all of its affiliates have been part of Duke LifePoint Healthcare, a joint venture between LifePoint Health (NASDAQ: LPNT) and Duke University Health System. With access to healthcare safety and quality protocols utilized within Duke University Health System, Harris Regional Hospital is on a journey to become a leader in clinical quality and patient safety performance within Duke Lifepoint and the state.

Strategic Initiatives

The partnership with Duke LifePoint Healthcare includes a commitment of a minimum of **\$43 million** in capital investments in the communities Harris Regional Hospital and its affiliates serve. Through the partnership the hospital is completing a new emergency department to serve more patients and a state-of-the-art mother-baby unit. The hospital has established a locally-owned and operated cardiology practice to serve the region and has recruited highly-trained physicians from around the country in specialties like Cardiology, Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, General Surgery, Hospital Medicine, and Family Practice.

To meet the needs of the community Harris Regional Hospital has a strategic focus on the following service lines:

- Cardiology
- Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine
- Women's and Children's Care
- Emergency Medicine
- Post-Acute Care

Outpatient and inpatient care is supported with cutting-edge diagnostic and treatment imaging modalities, comprehensive laboratory services, sports medicine and rehabilitation services in multiple locations, and other ancillary services like wound care, and hospice and palliative care.

Community Partners

Harris Regional Hospital has longstanding successful community partnerships which include **Jackson County Government, Jackson County Schools, and Southwestern Community College.**



THE ASCENT PARTNERSHIP is the formal collaboration between Western Carolina University, Harris Regional Hospital and Swain Community Hospital focused on ensuring access to quality health care in North Carolina's westernmost counties. Partnership initiatives include training the next generation of health care workers and supporting educational and outreach activities that benefit the health of those living in the region. The Ascent Partnership was officially named in 2015 after a decades-long relationship between the organizations featuring clinical training opportunities for students and hospital support for WCU's athletic teams and arts events. Harris Regional Hospital is the exclusive and official health system partner of Western Carolina Athletics – 'Caring for the Catamounts as part of The Ascent Partnership'.



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