



## **HCA Florida Healthcare to open new freestanding emergency department in Polk County**

*~HCA Florida Auburndale Emergency will provide 24/7/365 emergency care for adults, children~*

**Winter Haven, Fla.** – HCA Florida Healthcare will soon open **HCA Florida Auburndale Emergency**, a new freestanding emergency department serving the Winter Haven and greater Polk County community. The facility is part of **HCA Florida Poinciana Hospital** and recently hosted a ribbon cutting and preview tour, attended by community and hospital leaders and residents. HCA Florida Auburndale Emergency is anticipated to be open within the next few weeks, continuing HCA Florida Healthcare's commitment to expanding access to high-quality emergency care across Central Florida.

HCA Florida Auburndale Emergency will provide a full range of emergency services for adults and children 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The state-of-the-art facility will be staffed with board-certified emergency medicine physicians and experienced emergency nurses, delivering the same level of care patients expect from a hospital-based emergency department.

“As Polk County continues to grow, access to timely, high-quality emergency care close to home is more important than ever,” **said Cullen Brown chief executive officer of HCA Florida Poinciana Hospital.** “We are proud to bring HCA Florida Auburndale Emergency to this community and look forward to serving patients with compassionate, patient-centered emergency care.”

Physicians and clinical colleagues at HCA Florida Auburndale Emergency will be equipped to treat a wide range of conditions, including serious infections, chest pain, traumatic injuries, and broken bones. The facility will also offer on-site diagnostic services to support rapid evaluation and treatment.

Designed to meet the community's growing healthcare needs, HCA Florida Auburndale Emergency will feature:

- Private emergency treatment rooms
- Advanced diagnostic imaging, including CT, ultrasound, and X-ray
- On-site laboratory services
- Telemedicine technology, including support for stroke care and behavioral health needs

Patients requiring inpatient admission or specialty care will have seamless access to the broader **HCA Florida Healthcare network**, including hospitals, physician practices, and specialty services throughout the state. This integrated approach ensures continuity of care and a connected healthcare experience for patients and their families. For more information, visit [hcafloridahealthcare.com](http://hcafloridahealthcare.com).

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### **About HCA Florida Poinciana Hospital**

HCA Florida Poinciana Hospital is a 94-bed acute care facility serving the residents of Osceola and Polk counties. The hospital offers a comprehensive range of inpatient and outpatient services, including emergency care, diagnostic imaging, surgery, diagnostic cardiac catheterization, laboratory, pharmacy, and other support services. The hospital campus includes a 42,000-square-foot medical office building for physicians and other healthcare providers.

HCA Florida Poinciana Hospital also operates HCA Florida ChampionsGate Emergency and HCA Florida Haines City Emergency, both freestanding emergency rooms. These facilities are equipped with 11 private beds and offer a full spectrum of emergency services close to home for their surrounding communities, serving both residents and visitors. For more information, please visit [HCA Florida Poinciana Hospital](http://HCA Florida Poinciana Hospital).

### **About HCA Florida Healthcare**

HCA Florida Healthcare, a part of HCA Healthcare, is a family of more than 650 affiliated care sites, including hospitals, physician practices, freestanding emergency rooms and urgent care centers. As one of the state's leading healthcare networks, HCA Florida Healthcare's 11,100 experienced doctors and more than 84,000 colleagues work together to deliver equitable, evidence-based collaborative care through more than 12 million patient encounters annually. HCA Florida Healthcare is committed to improving more lives in more ways and giving back to the communities it serves. In 2024, the network provided more than \$1 billion in uncompensated care and contributed more than \$3.7 million to community organizations across the state. In addition, HCA Florida Healthcare offers patients access to highly trained specialists, including the state's most comprehensive cardiovascular network. A strong advocate for the next generation of healthcare professionals, HCA Florida Healthcare is a leader in training future healthcare professionals, offering 151 Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs at 27 different hospitals with more than 2,400 residents. For more information, please visit [HCAFloridaHealthcare.com](http://HCAFloridaHealthcare.com).



*HCA Florida Auburndale Emergency, which will open in the next few weeks, held a ribbon cutting at the new facility last month. Community members and local leaders attended, including:*

- *Nathalie Espinales, HCA Florida Poinciana Hospital Chief Financial Officer*
- *Clifton E. Dollison, Winter Haven Commissioner*
- *Cullen Brown, CEO, HCA Florida Poinciana Hospital*
- *Mayor Nathaniel Birdsong Jr., Winter Haven Mayor*
- *Omar Arroyo, Haines City Commissioner*

