



Bartow Regional Medical Center executives, from left: Facilities Manager Carlos Felix, Director of Operations Cort Hudson, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Jeremy Katzmann and President Karen Kerr, are joined by Creative Contractors Vice President Aixa

Santiago

and HDR Architecture Associate Vice President Brendan Ellis, with Spiritual Care Manager Paul Jones at far right, as they prepare to sign the final structural beam during the topping out ceremony.

Around BayCare Polk

Hello! Below are some highlights of the happenings around Bartow Regional Medical Center, Winter Haven Hospital and Winter Haven Women's Hospital and other BayCare properties in Polk County. Please credit BayCare Health System if you reproduce any of the items below in your publications. If you would like more information about any of the items below, feel free to reach out to Nafari Morris at 863-514-6388 or nafari.morris@baycare.org.

Bartow Regional Medical Center Celebrates Milestone in Expansion Project

Team members, hospital leadership and representatives from the construction firms involved in the expansion of Bartow Regional Medical Center assembled to celebrate the building's "topping out."

The \$110 million expansion, which began in November 2024, will increase the hospital's bed count from 72 to 90, double the ICU to 12 beds and add a second floor to the Emergency Department with 27 new exam rooms, for a total of 43. The project also expands surgical services, the cath lab, pharmacy and other departments, adding nearly 70,000 square feet to the facility.

Read more: <https://baycare.org/newsroom/2025/december/bartow-regional-medical-center-celebrates-milestone-in-expansion-project>

Bartow Regional's Robotic Program Reaccredited

Congratulations to Bartow Regional Medical Center's surgical services team for their reaccreditation as a Robotic Surgery Center of Excellence! Bartow Regional is the fifth BayCare hospital to earn this accreditation. Read the social media post by clicking here: <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1426019059534802&set=a.689827256487323>

BMG-Winter Haven Location Welcomes New Physician

Dr. Alina Ladha is board certified in family medicine and joins the BayCare Medical Group practice at 7599 Cypress Gardens Blvd., in Winter Haven, Florida, where she sees patients age 2 and older. Dr. Ladha helps patients maintain their best health through preventive care, managing chronic conditions and promoting overall wellness. She creates personalized treatment plans and educates patients on how to take charge of their health.

Learn more: <https://baycare.org/doctors/alina-ladha-1790428720>

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