

# Florida Health Care: Jacksonville Hospitals



Baptist Memorial



St. Luke's Hospital



In a segregated state, Brewster was the African American hospital for Jacksonville. It was established as a Hospital and Nurse Training School in 1901, remaining in the original building until 1910. It moved to the newer building and remained open until 1966 after the 1964 Civil Rights Act opened other hospitals of Jacksonville to its African American population. The building became the site of Brewster Methodist Medical Center.



St Vincent's Hospital

The city of Jacksonville has long been a center of health care in Florida. The Duvall County medical society formed in 1853 and was actively engaged in health care and public health efforts in the city. The State Board of Health was centered in Jacksonville and its library was said in 1953 to be the largest in the country. Jacksonville physicians were among the most active in campaigning to bring a medical and dental school to the state. The city also was the home for a large number of hospitals, including one for the African American population, a children's hospital and, briefly, a special hospital ship for treating venereal disease. The presence of so many hospitals, especially the Duvall County Hospital, made possible early residency training. Jacksonville began to train residents in 1927.



In 1946 the Ernest Hinds docked at Jacksonville and began a brief term of service as America's largest and busiest treatment center for venereal disease. The ship replaced 4 inland facilities and treated large numbers of people who came from all over the state. In July of 1946 alone, 990 patients were treated on board the ship- more than were treated in the 4 facilities combined. The ship remained there for 7 months.



Riverside Hospital was founded in 1921 by a group of physicians that included T.Z. Cason, a Jacksonville physician who was instrumental in bringing medical education to Florida.

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