

**EMERGENCY CARE CENTER  
AT FLAGLER HOSPITAL**

## THE PROMISE OF OUR BEST CARE WHEN YOUR LIFE IS AT ITS WORST

You, or someone you love, feels the symptoms of a heart attack, stroke, or the sudden pain of an injury. You need the compassion and clinical expertise that the Flagler Health+ Emergency Care Center team offers at Flagler Hospital.

They treat medical emergencies like these thousands of times each month, seeing over 50,000 patients each year. The team cares for our neighbors of all ages from birth to 100+ years, across a range of needs from a sore throat or broken bone, to a life-threatening stroke or heart attack.



### **Your gift will help us be ready to care for emergencies, large and small.**

Part of the challenge of emergency care is having the latest advances at hand, now and into the future.

The Emergency Care Team has already begun to answer that challenge. The 36-bed facility provides immediate access to Flagler Hospital's nationally recognized chest pain and stroke centers. In addition, recent advances in the Center include:

- + Partnering with Tele-Stroke for remote consultation with additional experts.**
- + Computed tomography (CT) Perfusion scans that give doctors detailed information about blood supply and blood flow in the brain, to evaluate acute strokes and help determine the best form of stroke treatment.**
- + Increasing administration of Tissue Plasminogen Activator (tPA), which treats strokes caused by blood clots.**

### **Certifications to Match the Caring.**

Your financial support will help the dedicated professionals of the Emergency Care Team stay abreast of the latest advances in emergency care. Medical knowledge and technology are always improving, and the caring physicians, nurses and technicians in the Emergency Care Center want to learn the latest. Through simulated training and additional certifications in emergency nursing, pediatric emergency nursing, and stroke certification from the National Institutes of Health, the Flagler Hospital emergency team can be ready when you need them most.

### **A Patient Environment that Reflects the Latest in Care.**

Your gift will also help the Emergency Care Center update the environment its patients and their families experience. We want the Center's environment to provide comfort as well as embody the high level of care we offer our patients. A special goal is a digital visual display system that shares real-time information about the progress of each patient's care.

For many, all needed care is delivered on-site in the Emergency Care Center or in Flagler Hospital. For others, the Center's social workers are an active part of the team to provide referrals and to help families navigate to the appropriate follow-up services. This is especially true when follow-up is needed for substance abuse or other behavioral health issues.

### **You Can Help Us Care for All Our Neighbors.**

The Emergency Care Center at Flagler Hospital is vital for all of St. Johns County and the surrounding areas, especially for those with the fewest resources. Although needs can vary throughout the year, the Emergency Care Center provides an average of nearly \$1 million dollars in charity care every month. This critical service provides essential care for hundreds of vulnerable patients each month.

Your gift to the Forever Flagler campaign helps extend the promise of good health, care and support here in the community we know as home.