SUMMARY TIMELINE

Throughout our journey, we have continued to evolve and grow to meet the ever-changing needs of our community — steadfast in our mission and strengthened by the trust of those we serve. We honor those who led the way and those who carry our work forward, shaping our organization and its impact on Northwest Florida and surrounding areas. These milestones—and countless others—reflect the heart of who we are.

1950s



1951
Baptist Hospital opens.

1956
Baptist Hospital joins with Pensacola Junior College to create the first Associate of Arts nursing program in the southern portion of the United States.

1960s



1964
Expansion provides space for one of the nation's first two outpatient surgery centers. An intensive coronary unit opens, one of the first four such units in the United States.

1966
The Baptist Employee Foundation is one of the first donors to support the newly established University of West Florida Foundation. The contribution establishes the relationship between the hospital and Florida's youngest university.

1970s



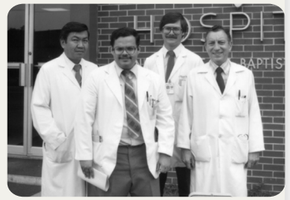
1972
Baptist Hospital completes the largest expansion in its history to add more services including those for stroke, orthopaedics and speech. Capacity grows for emergency services, cardiology, radiology and central supply.



1975
The Foundation of Baptist Hospital is established.

1976
The Women's Board of the Foundation is founded.

1979
Baptist works with the Santa Rosa County Commission to avert the closure of the county-owned Jay Hospital. Through the collaborative effort, Jay Hospital joins Baptist.



1980s

1985
Gulf Breeze Hospital opens.



1990s

1994
Baptist enters joint venture to support Escambia Community Clinics (now Community Health Northwest Florida).



1998
Baptist Hospital offers open heart surgery services.

2000s

2000
Baptist Medical Park – Nine Mile and Baptist Medical Park–Navarre open.





THEN, NOW AND ALWAYS

For generations, we have been here for our community, and we will continue to serve with the same unwavering commitment. To our patients, community, team members, partners and supporters, thank you for being part of our legacy. To explore a fuller timeline of milestones, visit ebaptisthealthcare.org/about/history.

2007
The Andrews Institute for Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine opens.



Baptist Hospital is the first in Northwest Florida to acquire a robotic surgical system

2009
Baptist Medical Group is established with clinics throughout the Escambia and Santa Rosa communities.

2010s

2010
Baptist and Pensacola's largest and most established cardiology practice join strengths to become the area's leader in heart and vascular services.

2017
Medical parks open at Airport Boulevard and in Pace.



Baptist becomes the first health care provider to offer lifesaving ECMO.

2019
Baptist announces plans for new hospital campus.



2020s

2020
March 4, Baptist treats first patient in Northwest Florida diagnosed with COVID-19.

Baptist opens area's first hybrid emergency department/urgent care center at Baptist Medical Park – Navarre.



2023
The new Baptist Hospital campus opens on September 23 offering greater accessibility, new capabilities and improved technology. The new campus has an environment that fosters comfort and healing.



2024
Baptist's second hybrid emergency department and urgent care center opens at Baptist Medical Park – Nine Mile.



2025
Jay Hospital completes a major improvement project and Baptist and Gulf Breeze secure additional robots for surgical procedures.

Present

2026
Baptist celebrates its 75th anniversary.



Baptist Medical Group opens its first primary care office in Milton.



Epic, the nation's leading electronic health record, is selected for a system-wide launch in 2026.

Our journey of caring for our community continues.

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