

Northside Hospital-Cherokee

A Lifetime of Care, Close to Home



The name, Northside Hospital, has for a long time, been synonymous with high quality, compassionate care. In fact, Northside Hospital is ranked #1 for the most surgeries in Georgia, #1 in diagnosing and treating more breast and gynecological cancers than any other hospital in Atlanta and one of the top hospitals in the country in the treatment of prostate cancer. It's this same expertise that has been brought to Cherokee

County and to Northside Hospital-Cherokee, Cherokee and the surrounding areas' community hospital.

Northside Hospital-Cherokee is an 84-bed, not-for-profit, full-service community hospital, with nearly 400 physicians on its medical staff and more than 600 employees. More than 85,000 patients were treated at the hospital in 2008. Through maternity, surgical, diagnostic and emergency services, the hospital is successful at meeting the

growing needs of the communities it serves by delivering comprehensive, compassionate care in more than 20 medical specialties.

Most emergencies happen close to home, but fortunately, Northside Hospital-Cherokee is, too. Patients at Northside Hospital-Cherokee can enjoy peace of mind in knowing that should they or a family member need emergency care, they have access to board-certified emergency medicine physicians and certified nurses in PALS (pediatric advanced life support) and ACLS (adult cardiac life support). For patients with a non-surgical illness or injury, the Health Express/Fast Track service offers quick assessment, treatment and release.

As a leader in providing state-of-the-art surgical services, more surgeries are performed at Northside Hospital than at any other hospital in Georgia. Northside Hospital-Cherokee's surgical department offers expertise in a number of surgical specialties including laparoscopic and robotics, general surgery, bariatrics, GYN, urology, spine, plastic, ENT, orthopedic and ophthalmology.

In February, Northside Hospital-Cherokee completed construction on additional surgical suites, as well as post-anesthesia beds and pre-operative beds.

For decades, laparoscopic surgery has offered patients a minimally invasive alternative to traditional open surgery. Now, the introduction of robotic surgery has given surgeons even better tools to perform the most intricate of minimally invasive procedures and achieve better outcomes for their patients in a growing range of specialties.

Northside Hospital leads the state in robotic surgery – performing more robotic procedures than any other Georgia hospital – and ranks in the top 10 percent of all robotic programs (5 percent for GYN procedures) in the country. Many of the surgeons on staff are pioneers in laparoscopic surgery and >

are nationally recognized for their expertise in this and other minimally invasive techniques. Patients benefit from less blood loss, shorter hospital stays, less pain and scarring, shorter recovery times and reduced risk of infection.

Northside Hospital-Cherokee began offering robotic technology in 2007 and currently uses it for urologic, gynecologic and general surgery procedures.

Obesity is a serious health problem, one which can affect your overall health, impact your ability to perform your job and interfere with your personal and family relationships. When traditional diet and exercise don't work, Northside offers comprehensive weight loss services including state-of-the-art surgery, nutrition, exercise programs and even support groups—all working together to make sure that patients are cared for emotionally as well as medically through their journey of losing weight. An interdisciplinary team of board-certified surgeons, weight loss specialists, registered nurses and dietitians at Northside work together to provide the best possible and highly personalized care for all patients. A weight loss specialist works with each patient to guide them from their one-on-one pre-op teaching in pre-testing through each operation and recovery.

Several options for bariatric surgery are available including Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Laparoscopic Banding (Lap Band) and Vertical Sleeve Gastrectomy.

Northside Hospital-Cherokee was the first to offer cardiac catheterization and interventional radiology services in Cherokee County. The lab offers complete cardiac diagnostic services including heart catheterizations and interventional radiology procedures such as angioplasty, stenting, treatment of Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT), embolization procedures for the control of abnormal bleeding and tumor formation, and other minimally invasive procedures. Permanent pacemaker implantation and Automatic Internal Cardiac Defibrillator (AICD) implant procedures also are being performed. The lab is staffed by specialized cardiac and radiology-trained nurses and technologists, each of

whom have at least 15 or more years of experience in the field.

Northside Hospital is also the nation's leader in maternity services. With this expertise comes the assurance that you are receiving expert care for you and your baby, close to home. Likewise, Northside Hospital-Cherokee offers family-focused care, allowing for an individualized birthing experience. The Women's Center includes eight labor and delivery rooms, 16 newborn nursery bassinets and a level II neonatal special care nursery.

With new technological advancements, the number of procedures and capabilities of imaging have expanded, providing a better view of the human body than ever before. Northside offers three con-



venient imaging locations in Cherokee County (and 14 across North Atlanta) that offer state-of-the-art technology and on site, board-certified radiologists – with subspecialties including women's imaging, pediatric imaging (in Alpharetta), cancer imaging, neuroradiology, orthopedic imaging and interventional radiology – who read and interpret images.

With PACS (Picture Archiving and Communications System), radiologists and physicians can, from any imaging location, can simultaneously view images and discuss results.

According to the National Sleep Foundation, approximately 7 out of 10 Americans are affected by a sleep problem, although most remain undiagnosed and untreated. Northside

Hospital-Cherokee's Sleep Disorders Center,

recently accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, offers the clinical expertise and state-of-the-art technology necessary for diagnosing and treating adult sleep/wake disorders and features four sleep rooms, high-tech patient monitoring equipment and a full time on-site sleep specialist, putting it at a level of service unsurpassed by many other sleep labs in the area.

Northside Hospital-Cherokee is committed to meeting the growing medical needs of Cherokee County and offers everything you'd expect from a community hospital – some things you would never even imagine.

To find out more about Northside's continuum of care, visit www.northside.com. ♦♦♦