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Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital

**Community Health Needs Assessment
Implementation Strategy Plan
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In continuation of our commitment to the health and well-being of our community members, Emory Healthcare (EHC) and Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital (ESJH) conducted a Community Health Needs Assessment. The report assessed the needs of the community served by ESJH using quantitative data and input from individuals representing the broad interest of the community. Using this report, ESJH identified three primary health needs of our community:

- Improve access to care in the community and collaborate with community partners to lessen the barriers to obtaining care including the shortage of health professionals, costs of care to the patient, transportation, insurance, health disparities, and other factors
- Expand community awareness of healthy behaviors and available resources/care settings through education and community based programs
- Increase the focus on preventative care and disease management for chronic conditions in the community to reduce health disparities and improve the health of the community

ESJH developed the strategies below to outline how we plan to address the identified health needs of the community we serve. Through these strategies, ESJH and EHC strive to improve the overall health of our community, while delivering the best possible care to our patients.

Priority	Access to Care & Community Collaboration
Strategy Statement:	Improve access to care in the community and collaborate with community partners to lessen the barriers to obtaining care including the shortage of health professionals, costs of care to the patient, transportation, insurance, health disparities, and other factors
Major Actions	Sub-Action
Access to Care	Expand resources to support transitions of care, enable care throughout the continuum of care and break down barriers associated with language, transportation, and diversity factors to deliver compassionate care
Community Collaboration	Launch Congregational Health Ministry to collaborate with local congregations and communities providing education, screenings, and assistance with hospital aftercare and resources to community members through a Faith Community Nurse
	Leverage and establish partnerships to address behavioral health needs of members within the community in the inpatient and outpatient setting
	Continue to strengthen the partnership with Mercy Care to extend resources and education to those that are homeless or poverty stricken specifically in the Chamblee area

Shortage of Healthcare Professionals	Expand resources and training opportunities for graduate medical education fellows and non-clinical residents
	Continue to teach, help advance, and collaborate with the next generation of healthcare providers

Priority	Community Awareness & Education of Healthy Behaviors
Strategy Statement:	Expand community awareness of healthy behaviors and available resources/care settings through education and community based programs
Major Actions	Sub-Actions
Empowering The Community	Coordinate with community organizations to further develop caregiver support programs on a variety of topics
	Provide resources to increase awareness on healthy eating and good nutrition through existing partnerships
	Collaborate and engage the Catholic community throughout Georgia through forming partnerships with local parishes and providing education on healthy behaviors
	Utilize social media to promote available programs and resources
	Offer screenings to the community with follow-up education and additional resources available
Financial Wellness Education	Leverage internal resources and community partnerships to counsel patients and community around financial wellness pertaining to accessing health care services

Priority	Preventative Disease Management
Strategy Statement:	Increase the focus on preventative care and disease management for chronic conditions in the community to reduce health disparities and improve the health of the community
Major Actions	Sub-Actions
Preventive Care	Host preventative care education and screening events for community members around prevalent health and wellness issues including cardiovascular health/stroke, cancer, obesity and diabetes
	Enhance external communication of resources and programs available for preventing diseases prevalent in the community
Disease State Management	Collaborate with local organizations within communities to provide support and resources for patients impacted by prevalent diseases including cardiovascular/stroke, cancer, and diabetes