



HATTIESBURG CLINIC HISTORY

Hattiesburg Clinic is a multi-specialty medical clinic providing physician services and outpatient diagnostic and treatment services throughout Mississippi. Since its founding on May 1, 1963, with only 10 physicians, the clinic has grown to become the largest multi-specialty medical clinic in Mississippi and has contributed significantly to the improvement of health care for patients in the communities it serves. That focus on patient care has remained at the core of the clinic's mission and purpose throughout the decades.

Hattiesburg Clinic was incorporated in the early 1970's. Over the last six decades, the clinic has continued to grow and expand its locations to cover a 17-county footprint in Mississippi. We continue to add specialties, services, physicians and staff, and establish satellite clinics in additional communities for patient care and convenience.

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OUR MISSION

To provide high quality, patient-centered health care in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Our goal is to be the health care provider of choice in the communities we serve.

OUR VALUES

INTEGRITY
FAIRNESS
VISION
COMMITMENT
COMPASSION
RESPECT

1963 WHERE WE BEGAN

Hattiesburg Clinic first opened its doors on May 1, 1963. The clinic traces its roots to 1948 when Ramsay O'Neal, MD, an OB-GYN physician, and Glen T. Pearson, MD, a general surgeon, became partners. Together, these doctors began planning what is now the state's largest multi-specialty clinic. Fifteen years later, Hattiesburg Clinic, then 10 doctors strong, was officially opened at the present site.

WHERE WE ARE NOW

MISSISSIPPI'S LARGEST MULTI-SPECIALTY CLINIC

**17**COUNTIES
IN SOUTH
MISSISSIPPI**450**PHYSICIANS
& PROVIDERS**40**

SPECIALTIES

2,600 

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

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Bryan N. Batson, MD

Chief Executive Officer

Hattiesburg Clinic's Chief Executive Officer, Bryan N. Batson, MD, is responsible for leading the strategic success of Mississippi's largest, privately-owned, multi-specialty medical group practice. Batson works in cooperation with the clinic's physician-led board of directors to ensure the implementation of Hattiesburg Clinic's mission, which is to provide quality health care in an efficient and cost-effective manner, with excellence and service to the patient.

In addition to his 17 years of experience as a practicing physician, Batson has led Hattiesburg Clinic in various administrative capacities, including serving on the clinic's board of directors since 2008. During this time, Batson accepted the responsibility as Chief Medical Informatics Officer and oversaw the implementation and optimization of the organization's electronic medical record system with Epic, earning numerous certifications and awards. The clinic has received multiple Epic Gold Star Level 10 awards, making the clinic one of the top entities worldwide to reach that level of achievement. Hattiesburg Clinic's Epic electronic medical record installation is considered in the top one percent of all Epic customers.

Batson's other responsibilities include serving as the medical director of the clinic's value-based plans and as chair of the quality care improvement committee. In 2017, Hattiesburg Clinic's largest value-based plan of over 20,000 Medicare patients was rated number one in the U.S. for quality performance when compared to similarly-situated accountable care organizations.

In spring 2020, Batson served as the director of COVID-19 operations and was responsible for launching the Cough & Fever Clinic, a COVID-19 testing and treatment site located in Hattiesburg. Batson worked with physician and administrative leaders to quickly and effectively respond to an international pandemic, creating a local health care facility dedicated to the testing diagnosis and care of COVID-positive patients.

Batson received his medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine in Jackson, Miss., where he also completed his internship and residency in the internal medicine-pediatrics combined program. He is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is a member of the American College of Physicians - American Society of Internal Medicine, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Medical Association. Batson is also certified as a Clinical Specialist in Hypertension by the American Heart Association.

In 2018, Forrest General Hospital presented Batson with the Innovator Award during their 12th-annual Philip W. Rogers Awards dinner. These annual awards are given to healthcare professionals who exemplify a commitment to medicine and excellence in patient care.

Batson and his wife, Amy, reside in Hattiesburg, and together they have three daughters.

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John M. Fitzpatrick, MD

Nephrologist

President, Hattiesburg Clinic Board
of Directors

John M. Fitzpatrick, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist at Hattiesburg Clinic Nephrology.

He received his medical degree from the University College Galway in Galway, Ireland, where he also served his internship. He served his residencies at Federated Voluntary Hospitals of Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland and at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minn.

Dr. Fitzpatrick completed his nephrology fellowship at Boston Medical Center in Massachusetts. He is board certified in internal medicine and nephrology by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

In 2004, he was elected vice-president of the Hattiesburg Clinic Board of Directors and became president of the board in 2006.

His professional affiliations include the American Medical Association, Massachusetts Medical Association, American Society of Nephrologists, Mississippi State Medical Association and South Mississippi Medical Society.

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Lisa Freeman, RN, BSN

Chief Operating Officer

Lisa Freeman currently serves as chief operating officer for Hattiesburg Clinic. As the COO, she is responsible for providing strategic oversight and guidance for all operational initiatives, working in conjunction with Bryan N. Batson, CEO, the clinic's physician board of directors and her administrative leadership.

Freeman joined the clinic in 1997 as a registered nurse in the Pulmonary department. Her talent was quickly recognized and she received a promotion to registered nurse manager. She held this role for eight years and oversaw various departments of the organization including Internal Medicine, Pulmonary, Infectious Disease, Hospital Care Service, Neurology, Neurological Surgery, EKG and the Anticoagulation Clinic.

Ms. Freeman brings a breadth of additional experience including serving as the Director of Risk Management, Nursing, Chart Audit, Clinical Education, HIPAA, and Compliance as well as serving as the Chief of Quality over the Quality Management Department since its formation in 2017.

As the Chief Quality and Risk Management Officer, she was responsible for maintaining an environment of quality control and reducing and/or eliminating risks that related to patient care, employees, property and all other areas of potential liability. She collaborated with physicians and employees in the clinic to develop, maintain, assess and improve risk management systems so that risks and possible risks could be identified for appropriate follow-up and/or corrective action.

Over the course of her 17- year career in health care, Freeman has participated in various initiatives and committees in the clinic and at Forrest General Hospital.

Freeman completed her bachelor's degree in nursing at William Carey University.

She and her husband, Thomas, have two children, Zach and Shelby.

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