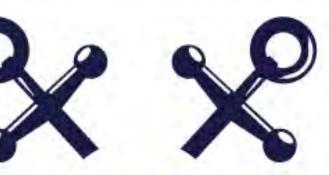
Metro Atlanta Eds & Meds Competition or Collaboration

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Atlanta's Anchor Institutions

Many a century old



Help define a city's brand

Universities and

Hospitals

Anchored in place Not susceptible to economic swings

Atlanta Eds & Meds





Eds & Meds Symbiotic Relationship

Universities educate and train

Doctors

Nurses

Pharmacists

Physical Therapists

Joint Research

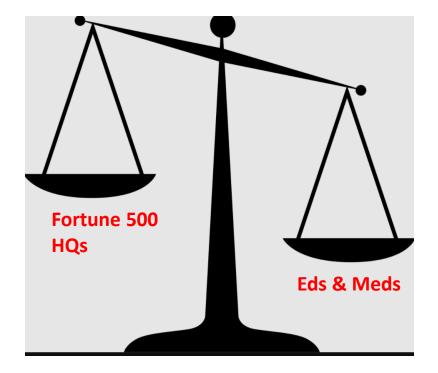
State & Federal Grants

- Public Health Specialists
- IT Professionals

Hospital Administrators

Other Hospital Workers

Eds & Meds Have More Jobs than all Fortune 500 HQs combined

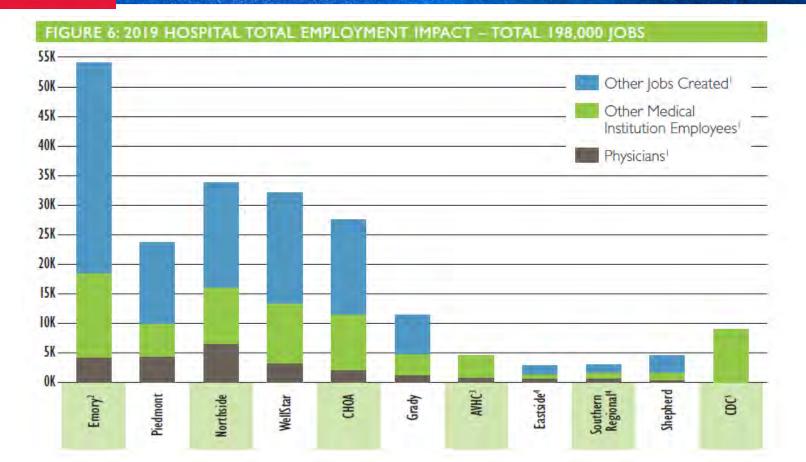


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FIGURE I: UNIVERSITY TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT 30K **Off-Campus** lobs 25K -**On-Campus** 20K -Employment 15K -10K -5K -OK Oglethorpe³ University of Georgia Agnes Scott³ Emory² Mercer Atlanta Metropolitan State Georgia Tech Life University³ Georgia State Morehouse Clayton State Spelman Kennesaw State Gwinnett College **Clark Atlanta**

Hospital Total Employment 198,000 Jobs



Atlanta's Leading University & Hospital Collaborators



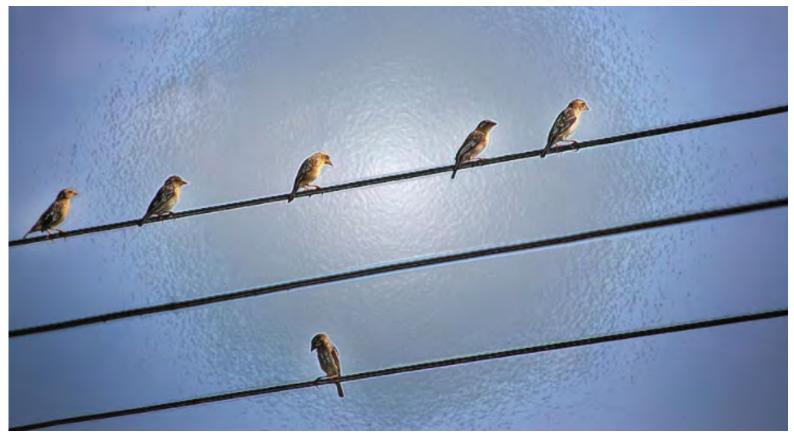
Clinical Health : Doctor and Patient in Private/Non-Profit Clinic or Hospital



Major Hospitals Emory Piedmont Northside Wellstar Childrens VA Grady

Public Health vs Healthcare Parallel - not directly connected





Gov't Operated Public Health Engages Total Community Environment – Detection & Prevention

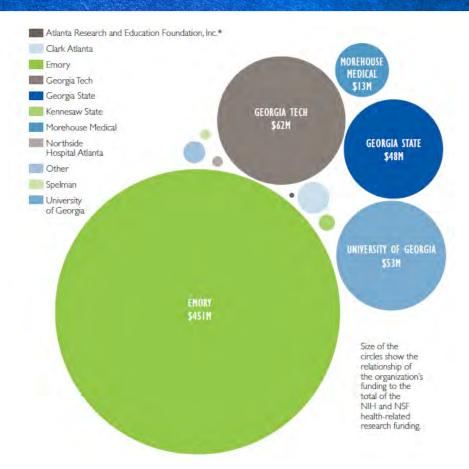


Government Agencies Federal – FDA Federal - NIH Federal - CDC State Public Health County Public Health

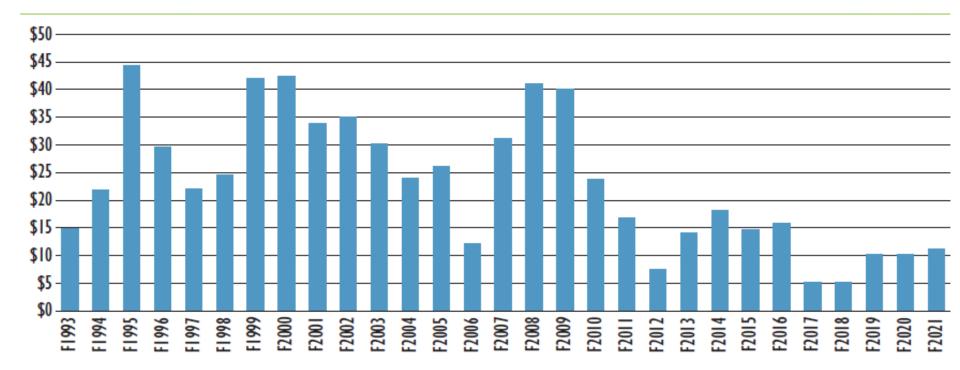
Pandemic Exposed Major Disconnection Between Public Health & Hospitals

- Hospitals previously operating at 80% + capacity with many insured patients
- Covid patients with severe illnesses pushed paying patients out of hospitals
- Most elective surgery & regular patient visits cancelled creating backlog of citizens needing care resulting in significant losses
- Many hospital employees, especially nurses, suffer stressful burnout creating staff shortages difficult to fill. Traveling nurse companies profit by brokering new hires.
- Public Health agencies' detection, tracking & forecasting was inadequate
- Hospitals, universities and public health organizations need pandemic plans

Federal Medical Research Grants

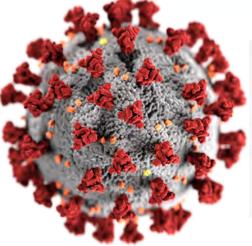


State Funds for University Research



National & Global Breakthroughs

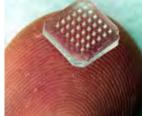


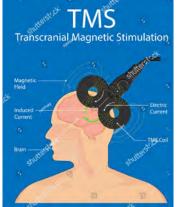




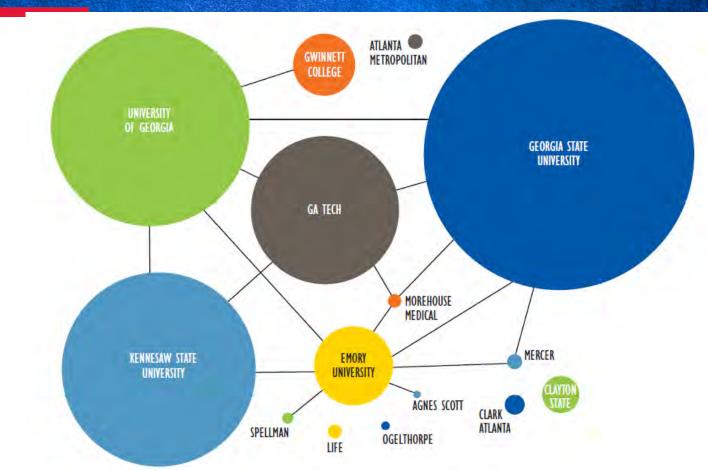
Infant Detection of Autism Microneedles







University to University Medical Collaboration



Best Cities' Research & Collaboration



Pittsburgh

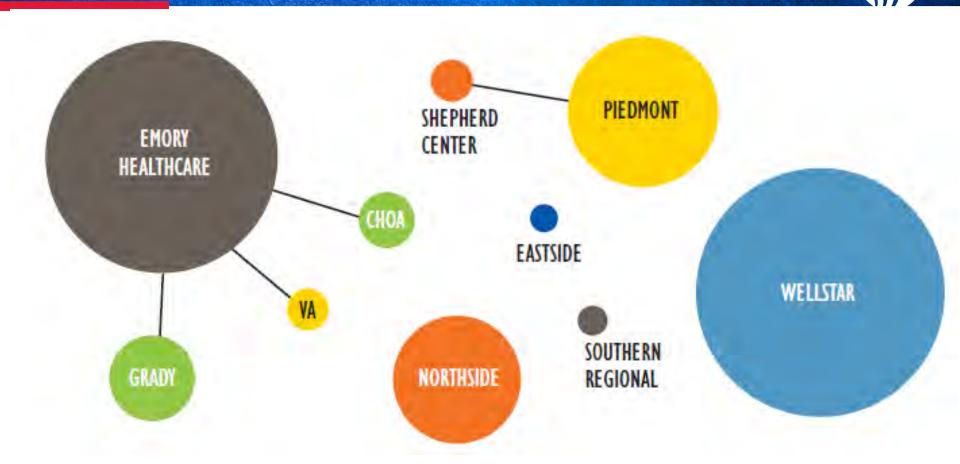
Philadelphia



Houston

Baltimore

Hospital to Hospital Collaboration



Major Medical Collaborative Projects



Conclusions



- Despite CDC's presence, Covid-19 testing, tracing and forecasting between public health and hospitals placed Georgia among the lowest vaccinated per-capita in the US
- Public health funding is less than 4% of medical & clinical care funding
- Atlanta's universities and hospitals have more jobs than all Fortune 500 HQ combined and more than \$4 billion in new construction.
- Georgia's public universities are transparent and have increased collaboration while hospitals are very competitive, with much less collaboration
- Atlanta is not among the top cities for Eds & Meds collaboration
- Georgia Research Alliance and National Institutes of Health funded collaborative projects have been very effective but need more participants and financial support
- Even with relative lack of collaboration, Eds & Meds have made significant health breakthroughs in Atlanta

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