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**Coliseum Northside Hospital named to Becker's Hospital Review's List:
59 Hospitals in the US with the Lowest ED Wait Times**

(MACON, GA) Coliseum Northside Hospital has been named among the nation's hospitals with the shortest emergency room wait times. Becker's Hospital Review recently compiled a list of hospitals where patients spent an average of four minutes or less in the emergency room before being seen by a healthcare professional. The national average is 22 minutes; Coliseum Northside Hospital's average wait time was listed as 4 minutes. Coliseum Northside Hospital was the only hospital in Georgia to be listed.

Stephen J. Daugherty, Chief Executive Officer at Coliseum Northside Hospital, said, "Our number one concern in our emergency room is to reduce the suffering of our patients. Shortening the wait times to be evaluated by a physician is the first step toward that goal."

Coliseum Northside Hospital's Emergency Room is open to treat all emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The hospital also has a dedicated pediatric ER staffed with board certified pediatricians. In 2016, Coliseum Northside Hospital provided emergency services to over 36,000 patients; 6,000 of those were pediatric patients.

Becker's Hospital Review used data from CMS's Hospital Compare database. Times are figured using the "door to diagnostic evaluation" measure in Hospital Compare's Emergency Department Care Measures dataset. The information was collected from April 2015 through March 2016.

The original article can be found at <http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/patient-flow/59-hospitals-with-the-lowest-ed-wait-times-12417.html>

To see how Coliseum Northside Hospital compares to other hospitals, the CMS's Hospital Compare database can be found at <https://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/search.html?>

About Coliseum Northside Hospital

Coliseum Northside Hospital is a full-service, medical-surgical facility with 103 beds. It is owned by Hospital Corporation of America and is one of two local hospitals in the Coliseum Health System. Coliseum Northside Hospital operates a full-service 24-hour emergency room and offers inpatient and outpatient surgery options, diagnostic services, and an orthopedic and spine center. Additionally, Coliseum Northside Hospital offers the Georgia Bariatric Center, an outpatient rehabilitation center, a sleep lab, and a wound healing center. Learn more about Coliseum Northside Hospital at www.coliseumhealthsystem.com.

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