

UPDATE: USC RURAL BRAIN HEALTH NETWORK

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THANK YOU: USC RURAL BRAIN HEALTH NETWORK

Your investment in the USC Rural Brain Health Network is already making a difference for the people of South Carolina, as we face:

- The **nation's seventh highest stroke death rate.**
- An aging population, with the **share of residents age 65+ projected to reach 1.1 million by 2030.**
- High rates of hypertension and cardiovascular disease, two **major risk factors for stroke, Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.**



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Thanks to your wise investments, the USC Rural Brain Health Network has:

- Developed an **innovative set of cognitive assessment tests** that are not available through any other system.
- Devised clinical processes for **smooth patient navigation**.
- Hired a growing **team of care professionals**, including neurologists, a speech-language pathologist, family nurse practitioner and more.
- Implemented agreements with our **first clinical health care partner, Prisma Health**.



Leo Bonilha, M.D., Ph.D.

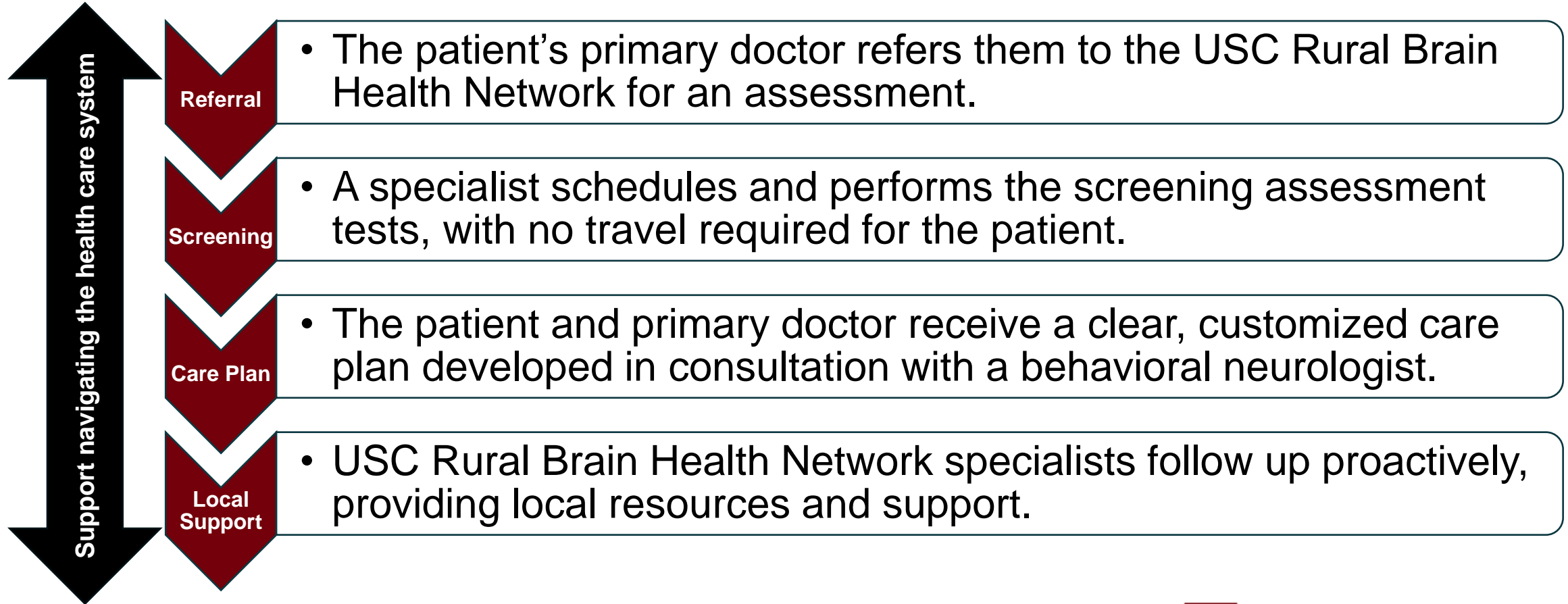
Clinical Director
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Dr. Bonilha joins USC from Emory University, where he served as Director of the Emory Epilepsy Center.



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR PATIENTS



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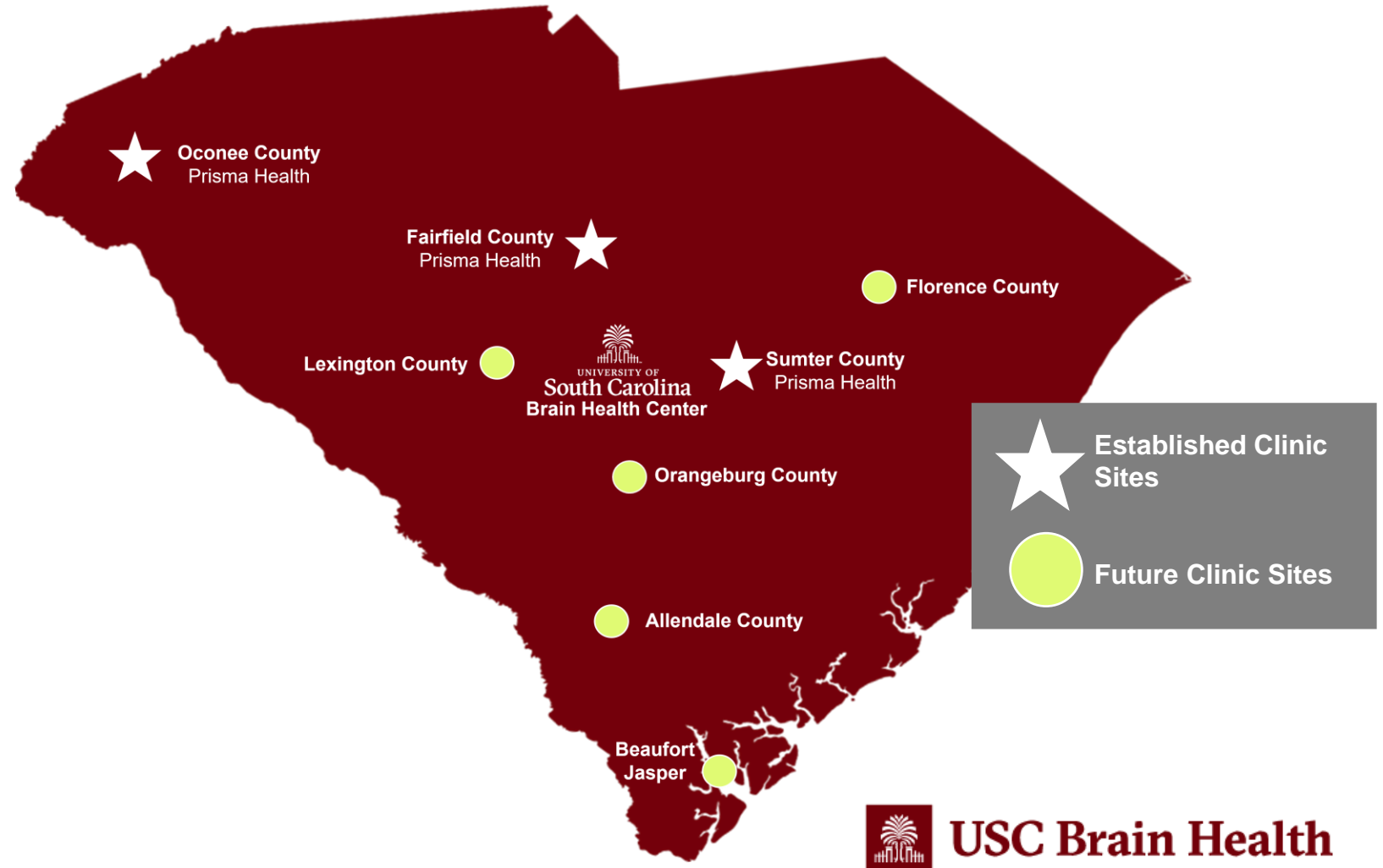
LAUNCHING LOCATIONS AROUND THE STATE

USC Rural Brain Health Network locations:

- Seneca
- Winnsboro
- Sumter

Coming soon:

- Lexington
- Orangeburg
- Allendale
- Beaufort-Jasper area
- Florence



WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE USC RURAL BRAIN HEALTH NETWORK

- Plans are underway to renovate the Medical Park 15 Building for the **new USC Brain Health Center**, with a target move-in date next year.
- The network will **expand services by adding new clinical partnerships** across the state.
- As the network grows, so will **opportunities for patients to participate in clinical trials** to test cutting-edge new treatments.



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