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Our team provides area high school, collegiate and professional sports teams with comprehensive health care that begins right on the playing field.

Certified athletic trainers
Our certified athletic trainers work with area school districts, coaches, parents, physicians and athletes to provide truly collaborative care. From educating players and coaches on how to prevent injuries to developing “return to play” strategies, our athletic trainers keep athletes safe and get them back into the game quickly and safely following injuries and illnesses.

All of our athletic trainers hold degrees from accredited institutions, are board-certified and licensed by the State of Florida, and are trained in these key areas:
- Injury/illness prevention and wellness protection
- Clinical evaluation and diagnosis of injuries
- Immediate and emergency care of injuries and illnesses
- Rehabilitation and reconditioning to minimize risk of re-injury and return patients to activity as quickly as possible
- Referral of injured athletes to additional medical professionals when appropriate
- Health care organization and administration
- Education and training of coaches, parents, athletic training students and athletes

The role of the athletic trainer at your school
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Responding to sports injuries
If an injury occurs on the field or court, our certified athletic trainers immediately respond and perform a thorough evaluation. If the competition, practice or event is “away” or during a time when our athletic trainers are not available, athletes should contact their certified athletic trainer. In the event of an emergency where our athletic trainers are not available, contact the athlete’s physician immediately, or call 911.

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- Orthopaedics and rapid access care
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