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Objectives
• To increase the satisfaction of our patients and families, we will achieve excellence in our delivery system.
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Goals
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Critical Requirements (what must be strengthened)

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Strengthen programs that generate significant clinical revenue and diversify revenue streams by pursuing domestic and international business relationships, developing new ventures, commercializing innovation and establishing a world-class development culture and capability.

Infrastructure:
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