

J. Edward Robbins II, MD, CCHP Statewide Regional Medical Director YesCare, Alabama Department of Corrections

Dr. Robbins is the Statewide Regional Medical Director for the Alabama Department of Corrections YesCare contract. He provides medical expertise, clinical guidance, and leadership for 50 providers running medical programs within the ADOC. Dr. Robbins focuses on the care of patients - meeting or exceeding community standards within the ADOC's 28 facilities. He works with other team members to include nursing, mental health, pharmacy, reentry, the Alabama Department of Public Health, the Office of Health Services within the ADOC, local providers, and health care facilities/hospitals throughout the state to ensure patients are being treated with community and evidence-based practices. His prior knowledge and experience with the ADOC have proven to be an asset in his physician leadership role. Among other duties, Dr. Robbins is actively working with behavioral health and psychiatric staff for ongoing MOUD programming within the ADOC.

Dr. Robbins has nine years of correctional medicine experience. A graduate of the University of Alabama, he attended UAB medical school with a residency at the University of Mississippi. He spent 20 years working as an emergency physician with 12 of those years as the ER medical director. He brought this experience to corrections as a site medical director in Alabama's largest prison. His work there launched him into a regional medical position. Serving as the chairman for the Clinical Quality Committee, he helped to update multiple policies and develop other projects for YesCare. He also authored the company's Emergency Response Tools and established guidelines for treatment of opioid dependent pregnant women for Florida jails. After six challenging years as the southeast regional director of jails, he moved into his current statewide roll.

Dr. Robbins enlisted in the U.S. Army, working behind the wall in Berlin, Germany as a Russian analyst with a top-secret SCI clearance. He later joined the reserves and achieved the rank of Major in the Medical Corp. He continues to serve as a reserve deputy in the Morgan County Sheriff's Office. With strong interest in rural and wilderness medicine, he volunteers his time to oversee EMS clinical care for multiple fire departments and volunteer rescue services. He also provides medical care for patients in need at a local addiction clinic and is a strong supporter of MOUD treatments.