FLORIDA STATE HOSPITAL TIMELINE

1814-1817  First Seminole War
1817      Scott Massacre
1821      Spain Cedes Florida to the U.S.
1823      Gadsden County is established
1828      First Post Office established at Mount Vernon
1830      Indian Removal Act
1832      Captain Hills surveys land at Mount Vernon
1834      Mount Vernon name changed to Chattahoochee
          Apalachicola/Chattahoochee Arsenal begins construction
1834-1842 Second Seminole War
1839      Arsenal opens
1855-1858 Third Seminole War
1861      Florida Cedes from the Union
1861-1865 United States Civil War
1865      Arsenal becomes Freedman’s Bureau
1868      Florida State Prison established at Chattahoochee
          Malichi Martin becomes first warden
          Calvin Williams becomes first prisoner
1870      Betsey (Betsy) Yulee arrives as first insane resident
1877      Prisoners moved to work camps
          Prison becomes Asylum for the Indigent Insane (Lunacy Law)
1886      Name changed to Florida Hospital for the Insane
1900      Name changed to Florida State Hospital
1905      Asylum Scandal of 1905
1910      Hydrotherapy established as standard treatment for mentally ill patients
1919      Opening of Nurses Training School
1921      First Epileptic Colony established in Gainesville
1926      Influenza Epidemic
193?       Dr. Marynia Farnahan Inspection and Survey
1930s     Introduction of Fever Therapy, Insulin Shock Therapy, Metrazol Shock Therapy, and Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)
1934  Dr. William DeWitt Rogers arrives at FSH
1935  Prison Camp established at Florida State Hospital
1950  Dr. Walter Freeman and Dr. James W. Watts perform first lobotomy in U.S.
1937  Dr. James G. Lyerly performs first lobotomy at Florida State Hospital
1940s  9-hole Thronateeska golf course built at Florida State Hospital
       Groundwork laid for community-based treatment
1940  Dr. William DeWitt Rogers becomes clinical director of the Florida State Hospital
1941  Rosemary Kennedy receives lobotomy
1946  Dr. Freeman performs first “ice pick” lobotomy
       National Mental Health Act passed
1947  G. Pierce Woods State Hospital in Arcadia opens
1949  National Institute of Mental Health established
1950  Dr. William DeWitt Rogers becomes superintendent of Florida State Hospital
1951  Child Molestation Act passed
1955  FDA approves use of chlorpromazine (Thorazine)
1956  Kenneth Donaldson sent to Florida State Hospital
1957  Establishment of Florida Division of Mental Health
1958  Opening of South Florida State Hospital in Hollywood
1959  Opening of Northeast Florida State Hospital/Macclenny
       Admission by order of Certification established
1960s  Integration of Florida State Hospitals
1961  Committee on State Institutions conducts investigation of Florida State Hospital
       Dr. William DeWitt Rogers becomes director of Florida's Division of Mental Health
1970s  Move to deinstitutionalize mental health care
1972  Baker Act established
1973  Forensic hospital opens at Florida State Hospital
1975  Kenneth Donaldson wins U.S. Supreme Court Case
1976  Florida State Hospital establishes mortuary
       Kenneth Donaldson’s book released – *Insanity Inside Out*
1986  Seminole Valley Golf Club opens on Florida State Hospital grounds
       U.S. Supreme Court rules that the Eighth Amendment prohibits states from inflicting the death penalty upon prisoners who are insane
1991  Movie “Chattahoochee” released in theaters
1995  Seminole Valley Golf Course closes amid scandal
1996  Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) established
1999  Florida State Hospital receives Governors Sterling Award for Organizational Excellence
2002  G. Pierce Woods State Hospital in Arcadia closes
2009 & 2012  Florida State Hospital receives accreditation