

Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplementary Schedules

September 30, 2023 and 2022

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)



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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Directors Asante Health System:

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Asante Health System and its subsidiaries (the Company), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Company and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the consolidated financial statements are issued.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the consolidated financial statements.



In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether
 due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such
 procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the
 consolidated financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that
 are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
 effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that
 raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable
 period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information included on pages 33 to 35 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.



Portland, Oregon January 16, 2024

Consolidated Balance Sheets

September 30, 2023 and 2022

(In thousands)

Assets	_	2023	2022
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	72,491	44,528
Assets whose use is limited, current portion		9,053	8,914
Patient accounts receivable, net		153,737	173,129
Accrued interest and other receivables		39,463	32,013
Inventories		14,602	17,368
Prepaid expenses	_	18,913	16,003
Total current assets	_	308,259	291,955
Assets whose use is limited:			
Restricted by donors		54,458	45,867
Beneficial Interest in Ashland Community Health Foundation		413	451
Assets restricted under bond indenture		_	56,465
Board and other designated assets		12,897	12,441
		67,768	115,224
Less amount required to meet current obligations		9,053	8,914
		58,715	106,310
Marketable securities		616,817	604,168
Property, plant, and equipment, net		752,028	664,650
Land held for future use		10,809	10,809
Other assets, net		13,964	12,387
Pension benefit asset		1,067	
Total assets	\$	1,761,659	1,690,279

Consolidated Balance Sheets

September 30, 2023 and 2022

(In thousands)

Liabilities and Net Assets	_	2023	2022
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$	44,268	45,128
Payroll, payroll taxes, and related benefits		42,952	38,528
Self-insurance liability, current portion		13,579	12,829
Estimated reimbursement due to government agencies, net		7,160	8,233
Other current liabilities		65,482	51,671
Medicare accelerated and advance payment		_	91
Current portion of long-term debt and finance lease obligations	_	9,053	8,914
Total current liabilities		182,494	165,394
Long-term debt and finance lease obligations, net of current portion			
and unamortized bond cost		519,707	531,968
Pension benefit obligation		_	3,357
Other long-term liabilities	_	32,898	32,552
Total liabilities		735,099	733,271
Net assets:			
Without donor restrictions		971,480	910,482
With donor restrictions		55,080	46,526
Total net assets	_	1,026,560	957,008
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	1,761,659	1,690,279

Consolidated Statements of Operations

Years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

(In thousands)

	2023	2022
Revenue and other support:		
···	\$ 1,179,60	7 1,123,815
Other operating revenue	30,87	0 59,749
Total revenue and other support	1,210,47	7 1,183,564
Operating expenses:		
Salaries and benefits	702,86	6 747,754
Supplies	251,80	6 233,089
Purchased services	105,82	3 95,022
Professional fees	21,30	6 21,882
Repairs and maintenance	15,62	1 12,810
Insurance	6,92	6 5,744
Rent and utilities	13,73	7 11,132
Interest and amortization	6,28	1 4,776
Depreciation	42,64	3 43,581
Provider tax expense	64,48	1 60,376
Other	11,47	6 8,591
Total operating expenses	1,242,96	6 1,244,757
Operating loss	(32,48	9) (61,193)
Nonoperating income (loss):		
Investment income, net of fees	27,32	6 41,875
Change in unrealized gains and losses on trading investments	66,39	5 (181,066)
Other, net	(52	0) (747)
Total nonoperating income (loss)	93,20	1 (139,938)
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenses, carried		
	\$ 60,71	2 (201,131)

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets
Years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022
(In thousands)

	_	2023	2022
Assets without donor restrictions:			
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenses, carried forward Net assets released from restrictions used for purchases of	\$	60,712	(201,131)
property, plant, and equipment	_	286	8,651
Increase (decrease) in net assets without restrictions	_	60,998	(192,480)
Assets with donor restrictions:			
Contributions and investment income		9,880	26,947
Net assets released from restrictions	_	(1,326)	(9,682)
Increase in net assets with restrictions	_	8,554	17,265
Increase (decrease) in net assets		69,552	(175,215)
Net assets, beginning of year	_	957,008	1,132,223
Net assets, end of year	\$_	1,026,560	957,008

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

(In thousands)

		2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$	69,552	(175,215)
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided			
by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization		39,434	40,492
(Gain) loss on sale of property, plant, and equipment		(2,555)	76
Realized and net change in unrealized gains and losses on		(79.404)	160 704
marketable securities Earnings of healthcare joint ventures		(78,404)	162,724 (1,530)
Change in interest in Ashland Community Health Foundation		(1,420) 37	(1,330)
Distributions from investments in healthcare ventures		1,509	482
Restricted contributions		(208)	
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		(200)	
Operating assets		10,135	(26,312)
Operating liabilities		12,882	(70,468)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		50,962	(69,426)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchases of property, plant, and equipment		(134,607)	(191,010)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		7,141	
Sales of marketable securities and assets whose use is limited		189,748	436,853
Purchases of marketable securities and assets whose use is limited		(76,575)	(246,579)
Net cash used in investing activities		(14,293)	(736)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Principal payments on long-term debt and capital lease obligations		(8,914)	(8,750)
Restricted Contributions		208	
Net cash used in financing activities		(8,706)	(8,750)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		27,963	(78,912)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		44,528	123,440
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	72,491	44,528
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:			
Cash paid for interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$	9,295	7,784
Change in capital purchases in accounts payable	Ψ	(8,157)	2,092
Assets obtained in exchange for new operating lease obligations		3,531	4,183
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(1) Organization

Asante Health System (Asante) is a private, not-for-profit, community-based healthcare organization providing health-related services to the residents of southern Oregon and northern California. Asante includes the operations of the following private, not-for-profit operating units and affiliates:

Asante Corporate (Parent Company)

Corporate is a system-wide administrative function supporting Asante's integrated delivery system and is part of the Asante Obligated Group.

(a) Operating Units (which comprise the Obligated Group)

Asante has established an Obligated Group to access capital markets. Obligated Group members are jointly and severally liable for the long-term debt outstanding under the Obligated Group's master trust indenture. Asante's operating units, which comprise the Obligated Group, are as follows:

- (i) Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center (ARRMC)
 - ARRMC is a regional referral healthcare facility located in Medford, Oregon providing for the healthcare needs of southern Oregon and northern California.
- (ii) Asante Three Rivers Medical Center (ATRMC)
 - ATRMC is a medical center in Josephine County providing inpatient and outpatient health care services to the Grants Pass community and surrounding area.
- (iii) Asante Ashland Community Hospital (AACH)
 - AACH is a community hospital providing surgical, emergency, and diagnostic services to the communities in the southern Oregon and northern California.

(b) Other Affiliates

The following are consolidated affiliates of Asante and are not part of the Asante Obligated Group.

- (i) Asante Physician Partners (APP)
 - APP is a wholly owned subsidiary that employs and manages physician providers, including primary care, specialists, and midlevel providers.
- (ii) Asante Foundation (the Foundation)
 - The Foundation is a public benefit corporation of Asante responsible for fundraising and development.
- (iii) Southern Oregon Insurance, Inc. (SOII)
 - SOII is a single-parent direct issue captive, incorporated in the state of Hawaii, providing healthcare professional and commercial general liability insurance and claims management services for Asante.

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(iv) Southern Oregon Trauma and Emergency Services, LLC (SOTES)

SOTES is an Oregon LLC that coordinates trauma and emergency medical services provided at ARRMC and ATRMC.

(i) Health Alliance of Southern Oregon (HASO), dba Asante Health Network.

HASO is a disregarded entity LLC functioning as a provider network structure amongst community providers, APP providers, and Asante hospitals. Its purpose is to aggregate providers and facilities to improve quality, efficiency, and patient satisfaction in the marketplace through innovative payment arrangements with payors and employers. Currently, there are 882 provider participants including 121 physician groups representing virtually every medical and surgical specialty.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Asante and other affiliates. All significant intercompany account balances and transactions have been eliminated.

(b) Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include certain investments in highly liquid financial instruments with original maturities of three months or less when purchased. Cash equivalent balances included in cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2023 and 2022 are \$9,898,000 and \$8,973,000, respectively. Cash equivalents exclude those balances held as a portion of assets whose use is limited or marketable securities.

Asante maintains cash and cash equivalents on deposit at various institutions, which at times exceed the insured limits by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. This exposes Asante to potential risk of loss in the event the institution becomes insolvent.

(d) Patient Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are reported at the estimated net realizable amounts from patients, third-party payors, and others for services rendered. Credit is granted without collateral to Asante's patients, most of whom are local residents and are insured under third-party payor agreements. Asante manages the receivables by regularly reviewing its accounts and contracts and by providing appropriate allowances for explicit and implicit price concessions. Asante estimates these allowances based on the aging of

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accounts receivable, historical collection experience by payor, and other relevant factors. The mix of net receivables based on significant third-party payor classifications is as follows:

	September	September 30		
	2023	2022		
Medicare	37 %	36 %		
Medicaid	14	13		
Private pay	1	1		
Commercial	42	44		
Others	6	6		
	<u>100 %</u>	100 %		

The mix of gross receivables based on significant third-party payor classification is as follows:

	September	er 30	
	2023	2022	
Medicare	51 %	48 %	
Medicaid	20	20	
Private pay	2	2	
Commercial	20	21	
Others	7	9	
	100 %	100 %	

(e) Inventories

Inventories of supplies are valued on weighted average cost.

(f) Assets Whose Use is Limited

Assets whose use is limited are carried at fair value and are accounted for as trading securities and primarily include assets with donor restrictions, assets held by trustees under indenture agreements, and designated assets set aside by the Board of Trustees (the Board) for certain purposes, over which the Board retains control and may, at its discretion, subsequently use for other purposes. Amounts that will be used to satisfy current liabilities are classified as current assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Gains and losses on sales of assets whose use is limited are computed on the specific-identification method. Interest income or loss (including realized gains and losses on investments, interest, and dividends) is included in nonoperating income unless the income or loss is restricted by donor or law. Unrealized gains and losses on trading securities are included in nonoperating income (loss) in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Assets restricted under bond indenture include proceeds from the Series 2020A – Tax Exempt and 2020B – Federally Taxable bond issuance which established project funds. The project funds were

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used for various service expansions including a new patient pavilion at ARRMC, expansion of emergency department at ATRMC and two regional cancer centers in Medford and Grants Pass.

(g) Marketable Securities

Marketable securities are accounted for as trading securities and consist principally of mutual funds, U.S. government agency obligations, corporate obligations, and equity securities, and are stated at fair value. These amounts are classified as noncurrent assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as Asante does not intend that they be used to satisfy current obligations. Gains and losses on sales of marketable securities are computed on the specific-identification method. Investment income or loss (including realized gains and losses on investments, interest, and dividends) is included in nonoperating income (loss). Unrealized gains and losses on trading securities are included in nonoperating income (loss) in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

(h) Property, Plant, and Equipment

Property, plant, and equipment acquisitions are recorded at cost. Depreciation expense is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives of the assets:

Buildings	15–50 years
Equipment	3–25 years
Land improvements	8–20 years
Leasehold improvements	The shorter of
	lease term or
	useful life

Equipment under finance lease obligations is amortized on the straight-line method over the shorter period of the lease term or the estimated useful life of the equipment. Such amortization is included within depreciation in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Gifts of long-lived assets, such as land, buildings, or equipment, are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions and are excluded from excess of revenue over expenses, unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions.

Asante assesses potential impairment to its long-lived assets, including land held for future use, when there is evidence that events or changes in circumstances have made recovery of the asset's carrying value unlikely. An impairment loss is recognized when the sum of the expected future undiscounted net cash flows is less than the carrying amount of the asset. No impairment losses have been identified as of September 30, 2023 and 2022.

(i) Financing Costs

Financing costs incurred in connection with debt agreements are deferred and amortized over the life of the respective debt, using the effective-interest method, and are included as a reduction to debt in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

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(i) Investments in Healthcare Ventures

Investments in healthcare-related joint ventures where Asante does not have a controlling interest but has significant influence have been accounted for using the equity method and are included in other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

(k) Self-Insurance

(i) Workers' Compensation

The annual self-insured retention under Asante's workers' compensation program is \$750,000 over the life of an individual claim. Asante carries an excess coverage policy for its workers' compensation program. The accrued liability for the self-insured components of the plan includes the unpaid portion of claims that have been reported and estimates for claims that have been incurred but not reported. The actuarially determined total estimated gross liability at September 30, 2023 is \$3,281,000 with \$1,885,000 of this amount insured estimated to be covered by coverage provided by excess carriers. The actuarially determined total estimated gross liability at September 30, 2022 is \$4,854,000, with \$2,091,000 of this amount insured estimated to be covered by coverage provided by excess carriers. The current portion of the accrued liability for workers' compensation is included in self-insurance liability. The long-term portion of the accrued liability is included in other long-term liabilities. The above policy limits and liabilities relate to workers compensation claims prior to September 30, 2020. Effective October 1, 2020 Asante was insured under a worker's compensation plan. No new self-insurance claims were expected to be incurred after September 30, 2020.

(ii) Medical

Asante maintains a self-insured medical plan for its employees. The accrued liability for the self-insured components of the plan includes estimates of the costs for the incurred but not paid claims as well as related claims administration expense.

The actuarially determined estimated liability for Asante is 8,867,000 and \$7,478,000 at September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and is included in self-insurance liability.

(iii) Professional Liability

Asante is self-insured for reported professional liability exposures through SOII. SOII provides coverage for Asante's claims up to \$1 million per claim, with a \$5 million annual aggregate. Asante has purchased insurance with third-party carriers for claims in excess of the \$1 million amount per claim or \$5 million aggregate. The coverage provided by SOII and the third-party carriers is in the form of claims-made insurance policies. Should the claims-made policies not be renewed or replaced, or the excess carriers become unable to perform under the contracts, claims related to occurrences during the terms of the policies but reported subsequent to their termination may be uninsured. Asante, including SOII, records actuarially estimated liabilities for reported claims as well as an estimated tail liability for claims that have been incurred but not reported.

The total expected value of the undiscounted estimated gross liability for Asante at September 30, 2023 is \$19,103,000 with \$3,949,000 of this amount estimated to be covered by excess carriers. The total expected value of the undiscounted estimated gross liability for Asante at September 30, 2022 is \$17,751,000 with \$3,011,000 of this amount estimated to be covered by excess carriers.

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The current portion of the liability is recorded in self-insurance liability. The long-term portion is included in other long-term liabilities. The receivable for insurance recoveries is included in other assets, net.

Management is not aware of any potential professional liability claims whose settlement would be in excess of amounts provided or would otherwise have a material adverse effect on Asante's consolidated financial position.

(I) Oregon State Provider Tax

The State of Oregon operates a provider tax program related to certain patient service revenue at certain qualifying hospitals. Asante recorded provider tax expenses of approximately \$64,481,000 and \$60,376,000 for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Asante recorded provider tax liabilities of \$15,588,000 and \$15,053,000 at September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which are included in other current liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. In addition, Asante has entered into an agreement with the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (OAHHS), which provides that all payments to Asante related to beneficiaries of the Oregon Medical Assistance Program are to be remitted directly to OAHHS. OAHHS aggregates these payments, returning a portion to Asante. The remaining funds are pooled by OAHHS with like amounts received on behalf of other hospitals subject to the provider tax, and OAHHS redistributes such funds to the qualifying hospitals. The amounts received or receivable from OAHHS for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 are \$64,481,000 and \$60,376,000, respectively, which are reflected as a component of net patient service revenue in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Asante recorded receivables of \$15,539,000 and \$15,007,000 at September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which are included in other receivables in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

(m) Net Assets

(i) Assets without Donor Restrictions

All net assets that are not restricted by third-party donors are included in net assets without donor restrictions.

(ii) Assets with Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are those whose use by Asante has been limited by donors to a specific time period, purpose, or net assets that have been restricted by donors to be maintained by Asante in perpetuity. Spending against endowment funds may not exceed 5% of the corpus in any fiscal year based on Asante's endowment spending policy.

Unconditional promises to give cash and other assets to Asante are reported at fair value at the date the promise is received. Conditional promises to give and indications of intentions to give are reported at fair value at the date the conditions are met. The gifts are reported as net assets with donor restrictions if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When restricted funds to be used for operations are expended for their restricted purposes, these amounts are reflected in net assets without donor restrictions as net assets released from restrictions for operations and are included in other, net on the consolidated statements of operations. When restricted funds are expended for the acquisition of property, plant, and

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equipment, these amounts are reported as released from restriction for capital in the consolidated statements of changes in net assets.

Net assets with donor restrictions are maintained for the following purposes as stipulated by donors at September 30 (in thousands):

	 2023	2022
Capital	\$ 32,670	26,936
Womens, children and infant health	5,108	3,886
Restricted for specific purpose at AACH	413	659
Others	 16,889	15,045
Total net assets with donor restrictions	\$ 55,080	46,526

(n) Net Patient Service Revenue

Net patient service revenue is reported at the estimated net realizable amounts from patients, third-party payors, and others for services rendered, including estimated retroactive adjustments under reimbursement agreements with third-party payors. Estimated settlements under third-party reimbursement agreements are accrued in the period the related services are rendered and adjusted in future periods, primarily as a result of final settlements.

(o) Other Operating Revenue

Other operating revenue includes revenue from nonpatient care services, clinical revenue, miscellaneous revenue, FEMA funds, COVID-19 grant funds and Provider Relief Funds.

(p) Charity Care

Asante provides care to patients who meet poverty guidelines under its charity care policy. Asante does not pursue collection of amounts determined to qualify as charity care; therefore, they are not reported as revenue.

(q) Nonoperating Income (loss)

Nonoperating income (loss) includes certain items that management deems to be outside the scope of its primary business. Items consist primarily of investment income, change in unrealized gains and losses on trading investments, net results of the Foundation, defined benefit pension costs, and other income. Investment income consists of interest and dividend income and realized gains (losses) from marketable securities and assets whose use is limited, offset by investment management fees.

(r) Excess (deficit) of Revenue over Expenses

The consolidated statements of operations report the excess (deficit) of revenue over expenses and other changes in net assets without donor restrictions. Changes in net assets without donor restrictions, which are excluded from (deficit) excess of revenue over expenses, consistent with industry practice, include transfers of assets to and from affiliates for other than goods and services, and contributions of long-lived assets (including assets acquired using contributions that, by donor restriction, were to be used for the purposes of acquiring such assets).

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(s) Federal and State Income Taxes

Asante has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) stating that it is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), except for unrelated business income. Management believes Asante is operated in a manner that qualifies it for tax-exempt status. Income taxes are provided for the tax effects of transactions unrelated to Asante's tax-exempt purpose reported in the consolidated financial statements; however, such activities are not significant to the consolidated financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to evaluate tax positions taken by Asante and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if Asante has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. Management has analyzed tax positions taken by Asante and has concluded that as of September 30, 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken, or expected to be taken, that would require recognition of a liability (or an asset) or disclosure in the consolidated financial statements. Asante is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, no such audits are currently in process.

(3) COVID-19 Funding

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was enacted on March 27, 2020 and authorized \$100 billion in funding to hospitals and other healthcare providers to be distributed through the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (the Fund). Payments from the Fund are intended to compensate healthcare providers for lost revenues and incremental expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and are not required to be repaid provided the recipients attest to and comply with certain terms and conditions, including limitations on balance billing and not using the funding to reimburse expenses or losses that other sources are obligated to reimburse.

Provider relief funds were not required to be repaid provided recipients attest to and comply with certain terms and conditions, including limits on COVID-19 balance billing. Asante received \$0 and \$9,945,440 of general distributions as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively which were included in other operating revenue.

In response to COVID-19, Asante submitted eligible expenses for reimbursement to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, Asante received and recognized \$4,618,000 in FEMA grant funds which was reported in other operating revenue.

In response to COVID-19 and subsequent to the CARES act, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), expanded the existing Accelerated and Advance Payments Program in order to accelerate cash flow to impacted health care providers. For the year ended September 30, 2020, Asante received accelerated and advanced payments of \$73,031,000. Recoupment of 25 percent of Medicare payments began in May 2021, one year after the payments were received and was expected to continue for 11 months. After the 11-month period, Medicare began recouping 50 percent of Medicare payments for six months. For the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, \$0 and \$91,000, respectively, was outstanding and recorded as current liabilities.

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(4) Marketable Securities and Assets Whose Use is Limited

The composition of marketable securities and assets whose use is limited at fair value at September 30 is as follows (in thousands):

	_	2023	2022
Corporate equity securities	\$	114,837	101,705
Mutual funds		452,510	486,180
Corporate bonds		20,720	22,080
Exchange-traded international index funds		6,861	7,661
U.S. government agency obligations		49,276	56,192
U.S. government obligations		19,553	17,654
Cash equivalents		6,006	4,872
Collateralized mortgage obligations	_	14,409	22,597
		684,172	718,941
Add:			
Assets held by Ashland Community Health Foundation		413	451
Less:			
Assets whose use is limited, current portion		9,053	8,914
Assets whose use is limited, net of current portion	-	58,715	106,310
Marketable securities	\$	616,817	604,168

In accordance with ASC Topic 820, *Fair* Value *Measurement*, financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value are grouped in three levels based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to estimate fair value. These levels are as follows:

- Level 1 Valuations for assets and liabilities traded in active exchange markets, such as the New York Stock Exchange; valuations are obtained from readily available pricing sources for market transactions involving identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Valuations for assets and liabilities traded in less active dealer or broker markets; Level 2
 valuations are based on quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for
 identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for
 which all significant assumptions are observable in the market.
- Level 3 Valuations for assets and liabilities that are derived from other valuation methodologies, including discounted cash flow models and similar techniques, and not based on market exchange, dealer, or broker-traded transactions; Level 3 valuations incorporate certain assumptions and projections in determining the fair value assigned to such assets or liabilities.

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The following table presents the balances of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at September 30, 2023 (in thousands):

	_	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair value
Assets:					
Corporate equity					
securities:					
Large cap value Small/mid cap	\$	37,292	_	_	37,292
growth		39,011	_	_	39,011
Large cap growth	_	38,534			38,534
Total	_	114,837			114,837
Mutual funds:					
Equity		352,666	_	_	352,666
Fixed income		93,647	_	_	93,647
Money market	_	6,197			6,197
Total		452,510	_	_	452,510
Corporate bonds		_	20,720	_	20,720
Exchange-traded					
international index					
funds		6,861	_	_	6,861
U.S. government					
agency obligations		_	49,276	_	49,276
U.S. government					
obligations		19,553	_	_	19,553
Collateralized mortgage			4.4.400		4.4.400
obligations			14,409	_	14,409
Cash equivalents	_	6,006			6,006
Total	\$_	599,767	84,405		684,172

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The following table presents the balances of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at September 30, 2022 (in thousands):

	_	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair value
Assets:					
Corporate equity					
securities:					
Large cap value Small/mid cap	\$	36,151	_	_	36,151
growth		33,912	_	_	33,912
Large cap growth	_	31,642			31,642
Total	_	101,705			101,705
Mutual funds:					
Equity		321,330	_	_	321,330
Fixed income		101,172	_	_	101,172
Money market	_	63,678			63,678
Total		486,180	_	_	486,180
Corporate bonds		_	22,080	_	22,080
Exchange-traded					
international index					
funds		7,661	_	_	7,661
U.S. government					
agency obligations		_	56,192	_	56,192
U.S. government		4= 0= 4			4= 0= 4
obligations		17,654	_	_	17,654
Collateralized mortgage			00.507		00.507
obligations		4.070	22,597	_	22,597
Cash equivalents	-	4,872			4,872
Total	\$_	618,072	100,869		718,941

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(5) Property, Plant, and Equipment

Property, plant, and equipment, net as of September 30 consists of the following (in thousands):

	_	2023	2022
Land and land improvements	\$	50,643	52,469
Buildings		487,641	500,289
Equipment and furniture		422,518	395,374
Leasehold improvements		2,921	2,921
Operating lease right-of-use assets		17,522	19,015
Buildings under capital leases	_	5,234	5,234
Property, plant, and equipment, gross		986,479	975,302
Less accumulated depreciation	_	(615,888)	(575,555)
Property, plant, and equipment, net		370,591	399,747
Construction in progress	_	381,437	264,903
Total property, plant, and equipment	\$_	752,028	664,650

Interest costs incurred on borrowed funds during the period of construction of capital assets is capitalized as a component of acquiring those assets. Capitalized interest was \$10,962,000 and \$12,598,000 as of September 30, 2023 and 2022.

(6) Other Assets

Other assets at September 30 consist of the following (in thousands):

	 2023	2022
Investments in healthcare ventures	\$ 6,578	6,667
Self-insurance recoverable	5,834	5,102
Other	 1,552	618
Total other assets	\$ 13,964	12,387

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(7) Long-Term Debt and Finance Lease Obligations

Long-term debt and financing lease obligations at September 30 consist of the following (in thousands):

	_	2023	2022
The Hospital Facilities Authority of the City of Medford, Oregon Revenue Bonds Series 2020A (inclusive of unamortized premium of \$74,848 and \$78,333 in 2023 and 2022, respectively), maturing in varying annual			
amounts, due 2050	\$	513,793	517,278
The Hospital Facilities Authority of the City of Medford, Oregon Revenue Bonds Series 2020B, maturing in varying			
annual amounts, due 2025		10,830	17,340
2016 Note, due 2023		_	2,002
Other		8,094	8,466
Finance lease obligations	_	441	471
Total long-term debt and finance lease obligations		533,158	545,557
Less unamortized debt issuance costs		(4,398)	(4,676)
Less current portion	_	(9,053)	(8,914)
Total long-term debt and finance lease obligations,			
net of current portion	\$ _	519,707	531,967

Annual maturities of long-term debt and the future minimum financing lease obligations, excluding net bond premium of \$74,848, are as follows as of September 30, 2023 (in thousands):

		_	Long-term debt
2024		\$	9,019
2025			9,213
2026			9,574
2027			10,086
2028			10,679
Thereafter		_	409,298
	Total long-term debt and finance lease obligations	\$_	457,869

(a) Series 2020A - Tax Exempt Bonds

The 2020A Series Bonds were issued in July 2020. The bonds were issued as fixed-rate securities, with maturities beginning in 2025 and final maturity in 2050. The bonds bear interest ranging from 2.5% to 5.0%.

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(b) Series 2020B - Federally Taxable Bonds

The 2020B Series Bonds were issued in July 2020. The bonds were issued as fixed-rate securities, with maturities beginning in 2022 and final maturity in 2025. The bonds bear interest ranging from 1.65% to 1.88%.

(c) 2016 Note

The loan was issued in May 2016 as a direct placement loan to fund refinancing of a portion of the 2005 bonds and to finance capital purchases. The loan has a fixed interest rate of 1.58%. The loan is repaid monthly and matured in May 2023.

(d) Guarantees

Asante guarantees a loan for CVI Real Property, LLC, which owns a building on the ARRMC campus. The amount of this loan was \$2,120,000 and \$2,397,000 at September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Asante has a 25% guarantee of indebtedness for CVISO Management Company, LLC. This guarantee is for an operating line of credit in an amount up to \$500,000. The balance outstanding on the line of credit was \$0 and \$129,000 at September 30, 2023 and 2022.

Asante guarantees a loan for The Women's Center, LLC, which owns a building adjacent to the ATRMC campus. The amount of this loan was \$4,085,000 and \$4,265,000 at September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

(e) Debt Covenants

The bond indentures and other loan agreements contain, among other things, provisions placing restrictions on additional borrowings and leases and requiring the maintenance of debt service coverage and other ratios. Management believes that Asante is in compliance with these covenants as of September 30, 2023.

(f) Line of Credit

In April 2023, Asante renewed a \$10,000,000 unsecured line of credit through Bank of America. The term of the line of credit is for 12 months and bears interest at a variable rate based on the BSBY Daily Floating Rate plus 0.65%. As of September 30, 2023 there was no outstanding balance on this line of credit.

(8) Leases

Asante leases various buildings, office space, and equipment to support operations The operating leases included in property and equipment, net as of September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022 was \$17,522,000 and \$19,015,000. The operating leases included in other current liabilities and other long-term liabilities as of September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022 were \$2,632,000 and \$3,917,000 and \$13,687,000 and \$13,819,000 respectively. The weighted average terms of the finance and operating leases were 9 and 5 years, respectively. The weighted average discount rate on operating leases were 3.0%.

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Asante incurred leases expenses for the years September 30, 2023 and 2022 as follows (in thousands):

	_	2023	2022
Finance lease expense included in depreciation and amortization: Amortization of ROU assets	\$	29	26
Finance lease expense included in interest: Interest on lease liabilities	_	38_	40
Total finance lease expense		67	66
Operating lease expense included in rent and utilities	_	5,679	5,274
Total lease expense	\$	5,746	5,340

The finance and operating lease liabilities will mature as follows:

	_	Finance leases	Operating leases	Total leases
2024	\$	33	3,525	3,558
2025		37	3,279	3,316
2026		40	2,325	2,365
2027		45	1,749	1,794
2028		49	1,342	1,391
Thereafter		237	11,284	11,521
Amounts related to interest	_		(7,185)	(7,185)
	\$_	441	16,319	16,760

(9) Retirement Plan

Asante sponsors the Asante Retirement Plan and Trust, a defined-contribution plan, which has two components: the matching plan and the basic plan. Under the basic plan, Asante contributes 3% of the employee's salary to a tax deferred account. All eligible employees receive this contribution, whether or not they contribute to a tax deferred account. Under the matching plan, after completion of one year of service, Asante matches 50% of the employee's contribution, up to a maximum match of 3% of the employee's pay. To be eligible for both the basic and matching plans, employees must work at least one year and maintain a work level of at least 1,000 hours per year. Contributions are funded every two weeks and are fully and immediately vested. Costs related to these defined-contribution plans for Asante totaled \$23,985,000 and \$22,516,000 for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

(10) Defined-Benefit Pension Plan

Asante sponsors a noncontributory defined-benefit pension plan (the Plan), covering certain AACH employees and retirees who meet requirements as specified in the Plan. The assets of the Plan are available to pay the benefits of all eligible employees of the Plan. The Plan was frozen effective December 31, 2006. No new participants have been admitted to the Plan after this date, and no additional

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benefits continue to accrue. Benefits earned before the Plan was frozen will continue to be paid as participants qualify to receive the benefits.

The following table sets forth disclosures related to the Plan in accordance with FASB ASC Section 715-20-65, *Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans*, as of September 30, 2023 and 2022 (in thousands):

	 2023	2022
Change in projected benefit obligation:		
Projected benefit obligation (PBO) at beginning year	\$ 31,149	42,905
Interest cost	1,537	1,061
Actuarial (gain) on PBO, net	(1,336)	(10,304)
Benefits paid	 (2,695)	(2,513)
Projected benefit obligation at year-end	\$ 28,655	31,149
Change in fair value of plan assets:		
Fair value of assets at beginning of year	\$ 27,792	35,406
Contributions	600	689
Actual return on plan assets	4,025	(5,790)
Benefits paid	 (2,695)	(2,513)
Fair value of assets at end of year	\$ 29,722	27,792
Reconciliation of funded status:		
Funded status – (asset) obligation	\$ (1,067)	3,357
Net amount recognized	\$ (1,067)	3,357

Asante immediately recognizes all changes in funded status within excess (deficit) of revenue over expenses at each funding date. These changes are included in nonoperating (loss) other, net on the consolidated statement of operations.

The accumulated benefit obligation for the Plan is the same as the projected benefit obligation at September 30, 2023 and 2022.

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Net periodic (benefit) includes the following components and is included in nonoperating (loss) other, net in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations (in thousands):

	 2023	2022
Interest cost	\$ 1,537	1,061
Expected return on plan assets	(1,626)	(2,073)
Other changes in pension liability	_	_
Recognized actuarial (gain)	 (3,735)	(2,441)
Net periodic pension (benefit)	\$ (3,824)	(3,453)

Assumptions

Asante used the following actuarial assumptions to determine its benefit obligations at September 30, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Discount rate	5.59 %	5.12 %

Asante used the following actuarial assumptions to determine its net periodic benefit cost for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Discount rate	5.12 %	2.55 %
Expected long-term rate of return on plan assets	6.00	6.00

The source data for the discount rate used to determine the benefit obligation was a universe of AA or higher rated U.S. dollar – denominated bonds with similar maturities to the projected benefit payments. The expected long-term rate of return on plan assets was based on Asante's asset allocation mix and the long-term historical return for each asset class, considering current and expected market conditions.

The mortality assumptions were based on the PRI-2012 table with MP-2021 projections as of September 30, 2023.

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Pension plan assets are managed according to an investment policy adopted by the Plan's trustees. Professional investment managers are retained to manage specific asset classes, and professional consulting is utilized for investment performance reporting. The primary objective of the Plan's trustees is to achieve the highest possible total return commensurate with safety and preservation of capital in real, inflation-adjusted terms. The objective includes having funds invested in the long term, which protect the principal and produce returns sufficient to meet future benefit obligations. The investment policy includes an asset allocation that includes equity securities, debt securities, and cash/other investments. The target allocations are:

Asset class	Minimum	Maximum	Target
U.S. short-term fixed income	12.0 %	18.0 %	15.0 %
High-yield fixed income	4.8	7.2	6.0
U.S. equity core	38.4	57.6	48.0
International equity core	16.0	24.0	20.0
Liquid alternatives	9.0	13.0	11.0

Assets are rebalanced annually when balances fall outside of the approved range for each asset class unless unusual circumstances warrant more immediate action.

The following are descriptions of the valuation methodologies used for plan assets measured at fair value:

- Cash and equivalents Valued at actual value.
- U.S. Common Stock Valued based on quoted market prices at the reporting date for those or similar investments.
- Government Agency Securities Valued based on observable assets or liabilities, either directly or indirectly.
- Mutual funds Valued based on published values representing transactions in active markets.

The methods described above may produce fair value calculations that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date. In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 820, financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value are grouped in three levels, based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded, and the reliability of the assumptions used to estimate fair value. See note 4 for the definitions of the three levels within the fair value hierarchy.

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The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of September 30, 2023 (in thousands):

	 Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total fair value
Cash and equivalents	\$ 130	_	_	130
U.S. Common Stock	3,724	_	_	3,724
Government Agency Securities		4,822	_	4,822
Mutual funds:				
Large cap	6,848	_	_	6,848
Mid cap	2,055	_	_	2,055
Small cap	1,479	_	_	1,479
International	6,593	_	_	6,593
Fixed income	2,607	_	_	2,607
High yield	1,166	_	_	1,166
Other	 298			298
Total plan				
assets at				
fair value	\$ 24,900	4,822		29,722

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of September 30, 2022 (in thousands):

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total fair value
Cash and equivalents	\$ 715	_	_	715
U.S. Common Stock	3,118	_	_	3,118
Government Agency Securities	_	4,933	_	4,933
Mutual funds:				
Large cap	6,336	_	_	6,336
Mid cap	1,886	_	_	1,886
Small cap	1,383	_	_	1,383
International	5,699	_	_	5,699
Fixed income	2,544	_	_	2,544
High yield	1,065	_	_	1,065
Other	 113			113
Total plan assets at				
fair value	\$ 22,859	4,933	<u> </u>	27,792

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Cash Flows

Asante's policy with respect to funding the Plan is to fund a least the minimum required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, plus such additional amounts deemed appropriate. In fiscal year 2023, Asante expects to contribute approximately \$600,000 to the Plan.

Benefit payments are expected to be paid as follows in future years (in thousands):

	 Pension benefits	
2024	\$ 2,559	
2025	2,197	
2026	2,170	
2027	2,234	
2028	2,292	
2029–2033	10,801	

(11) Net Patient Service Revenue

Net patient service revenue is reported at the amount that reflects the consideration to which Asante expects to be entitled in exchange for providing patient care. These amounts are due from patients, third-party payors (including health insurers and government programs), and others and include variable consideration for retroactive revenue adjustments due to settlement of audits, reviews, and investigations. Generally, Asante bills patients and third-party payors several days after the services are performed and/or the patient is discharged from the facility. Revenue is recognized as performance obligations are satisfied.

Revenue for performance obligations satisfied over time is recognized based on actual goods or services provided. Generally, performance obligations satisfied over time relate to patients in Asante's hospitals receiving inpatient acute care services. Revenue for performance obligations satisfied at a point in time is recognized when goods or services are provided, and Asante does not believe it is required to provide additional goods or services to the patient. The timing of revenue and recognition of substantially all services is at the time services are rendered.

Asante determines the transaction price based on standard charges for goods and services provided, reduced by contractual adjustments provided to third-party payors, discounts provided to uninsured patients in accordance with Asante's policy, and/or implicit price concessions provided to uninsured patients. Asante determines its estimates of contractual adjustments and discounts based on contractual agreements, its discount policy, and historical experience. Asante determines its estimate of implicit price concessions based on its historical collection experience with this class of patients.

Asante has agreements with Medicare and Medicaid programs and various other payors, which provide for payments to Asante at amounts different from its established rates. A summary of the payment arrangements with major third-party payors is as follows:

Medicare/Medicaid – Inpatient acute care services rendered to these program beneficiaries are paid at prospectively determined rates per discharge. These rates vary according to patient classification systems

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that are based on clinical, diagnostic, and other factors. Medical education costs related to Medicare beneficiaries are paid based on a cost reimbursement methodology. The majority of Medicare outpatient services are reimbursed based on the prospective payment system known as Ambulatory Payment Classification. Asante is reimbursed for cost reimbursable items at a tentative rate, with final settlement determined after submission of annual cost reports by Asante and audits thereof by the third-party payors.

Settlements with third-party payors for retroactive adjustments due to audits, reviews, or investigations are considered variable consideration and are included in the determination of the estimated transaction price for providing patient care. These settlements are estimated based on the terms of the payment agreement with the payor, correspondence from the payor, and Asante's historical settlement activity and are adjusted in future periods as adjustments become known or as years are settled or are no longer subject to such audits, reviews, and investigations. Adjustments from finalization and adjustment of prior years' cost reports and other third-party settlement estimates resulted in an increase in net patient service revenue of approximately \$1,028,000 for September 30, 2023 and a decrease of \$857,000 for the year ended September 30, 2022.

Generally, patients who are covered by third-party payors are responsible for related deductibles and coinsurance. Asante also provides services to uninsured patients and offers those uninsured patients a discount from standard charge. Asante estimates the transaction price for patients with deductibles and coinsurance and from those who are uninsured based on historical experience and current market conditions. Subsequent changes to the estimate of the transaction price are generally recorded as adjustments to patient service revenue in the period of the change. Subsequent changes that are determined to be the result of an adverse change in the patient's ability to pay are recorded as bad debt expense. Bad debt expense for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 was not significant.

Consistent with Asante's mission, Asante provides care without charge or at amounts less than its established rates to uninsured patients. Therefore, Asante has determined it has provided price concessions to uninsured patients and patients with uninsured balances. The implicit price concessions included in estimating the transaction price represent the difference between amounts billed to patients and the amounts Asante expects to collect based on its collection history with those patients who have been determined to qualify for financial assistance.

Management evaluates revenue by nature in the following categories (in thousands):

	_	2023	2022
Revenue by payor:			
Medicare	\$	451,161	425,708
Medicaid		228,418	216,289
Commercial and others		483,340	470,065
Private pay		16,688	11,753
	\$	1,179,607	1,123,815

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	_	2023	2022	
Patient revenue:				
Inpatient revenue	\$	519,574	538,242	
Outpatient revenue		660,033	585,573	
	\$	1,179,607	1,123,815	

(12) Charity and Community Benefit

Asante provides services without charge, or at amounts less than its established rates, to patients who meet the criteria of its charity care policy. The estimated cost of charges forgone is determined by multiplying forgone charges by the ratio of gross operating expenses divided by gross operating revenue. The estimated cost of providing these services for the years ending September 30, 2023 and 2022 was \$8,001,000 and \$6,451,000, respectively.

Asante prides itself on providing high-quality, accessible, and cost-effective care in all areas, thus allowing it to achieve its mission, which includes offering a broad range of health programs and services to the community. In some cases, the revenue from these needed programs do not cover the costs of the program. These programs are offered due to community need and so reflect additional support provided by Asante to the community. Among these services are behavioral health programs, obstetrics, maternal fetal medicine, and lab outreach programs.

(13) Functional Classification of Operating Expenses

Asante provides patient services and support services. Support services include costs that are not directly related to provision of patient services. Asante leadership drives the support costs, which benefit the entire organization. Costs that are directly related to provision of patient services are allocated to patient services.

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The following table is a summary of management's functional classification of operating expenses for the years ended September 30 (in thousands):

			2023	
		Patient	Support	
	_	services	services	Total
Salaries and benefits	\$	546,706	156,160	702,866
Supplies		240,754	11,052	251,806
Purchased services		29,254	76,569	105,823
Professional fees		2,733	18,573	21,306
Repairs and maintenance		10,481	5,140	15,621
Insurance		5,573	1,353	6,926
Rent and utilities		1,607	12,130	13,737
Interest and amortization		_	6,281	6,281
Depreciation		_	42,643	42,643
Provider tax		64,481	_	64,481
Other	_	2,413	9,063	11,476
Total	\$	904,002	338,964	1,242,966

			2022	
		Patient services	Support services	Total
Salaries and benefits	\$	606,827	140,927	747,754
Supplies		221,998	11,091	233,089
Purchased services		25,547	69,475	95,022
Professional fees		2,925	18,957	21,882
Repairs and maintenance		9,543	3,267	12,810
Insurance		4,332	1,412	5,744
Rent and utilities		1,423	9,709	11,132
Interest and amortization		_	4,776	4,776
Depreciation		_	43,581	43,581
Provider tax		60,376	_	60,376
Other	_	2,195	6,396	8,591
Total	\$	935,166	309,591	1,244,757

(14) Liquidity

As of September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, Asante has working capital excess of \$125,765,000 and \$126,561,000 and average days (based on normal expenditures) cash on hand of 214 and 201 days.

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The table below represents financial assets available for general expenditures within one year at September 30, 2023 and 2022:

	 2023	2022	
Financial assets at year end:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 72,491	44,528	
Accounts receivable, net	153,737	173,129	
Marketable securities	 616,817	604,168	
Total financial assets	\$ 843,045	821,825	

Asante has other assets limited to use for donor-restricted purposes and debt service. Additionally, certain other foundation donor restricted assets are designated for future capital expenditures. These assets limited to use, which are more fully described in note 2(m), are not available for general expenditure within the next year and are not reflected in the amounts above.

(15) Commitments and Contingencies

(a) Risk Management

In the ordinary course of business, Asante is exposed to various risks of loss from torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors and omissions; employee injuries and illnesses; and natural disasters. However, management believes that adequate commercial insurance coverage has been purchased for claims arising from such matters. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

(b) Regulations and Litigation

The healthcare industry is subject to various laws and regulations from federal, state, and local governments. These laws and regulations include, but are not necessarily limited to, matters, such as licensure, accreditation, and government healthcare program participation requirements, reimbursement for patient services, and Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse. Government activity has remained high with respect to investigations and allegations concerning possible violations by healthcare providers of regulations, which could result in the expulsion from government healthcare programs, together with the imposition of significant fines and penalties, as well as significant repayments of patient services previously billed and collected. Management believes that Asante is in compliance with the fraud and abuse regulations, as well as other applicable government laws and regulations; however, compliance with such laws and regulations can be subject to government review and interpretation, as well as regulatory actions unasserted at this time.

In addition, Asante is involved in litigation and other regulatory investigations arising in the ordinary course of business. After consultation with legal counsel, management believes that these matters will be resolved without causing a material adverse effect on Asante's future consolidated financial position or results of operations.

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(c) Collective Bargaining Agreements

Approximately 15.2% of Asante's employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement. All employees are bedside nurses with the Oregon Nurses Association working at ARRMC. One contract covers all the employees in this bargaining unit, and the most recent contract is effective October, 24, 2020 through September 30, 2023.

(d) Purchase Commitments

Asante has committed to various construction and information technology purchases, including ARRMC Pavilion construction. As of September 30, 2023, future commitments for these projects total approximately \$70,916,000. Commitments are expected to be funded by excess working capital and investments.

(16) Subsequent Events

Asante has evaluated the impact of subsequent events through January 16, 2024, the date on which the consolidated financial statements were issued and has determined that all subsequent events have been appropriately reflected in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Consolidating Schedule – Balance Sheet Information

September 30, 2023

(In thousands)

Assets	_	Asante Obligated Group	Other affiliates	Eliminations	Consolidated total
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	53,083	19,408	_	72,491
Assets whose use is limited, current portion		9,053	_	_	9,053
Patient accounts receivable, net		148,939	4,798	_	153,737
Accrued interest and other receivables		21,102	18,361	_	39,463
Inventories		14,602	_	_	14,602
Prepaid expenses	_	18,759	154		18,913
Total current assets	_	265,538	42,721		308,259
Intercompany receivable (payable)		252,268	(252,268)	_	_
Assets whose use is limited:					
Restricted by donors		_	54,458	_	54,458
Beneficial interest in Ashland Community Health Foundation		_	413	_	413
Assets restricted under bond indenture		_	_	_	_
Board and other designated assets	_	9,053	3,844		12,897
		9,053	58,715	_	67,768
Less amount required to meet current obligations	_	9,053			9,053
		_	58,715	_	58,715
Marketable securities		611,797	5,020	_	616,817
Property, plant, and equipment, net		730,514	21,514	_	752,028
Land held for future use		10,809	_	_	10,809
Beneficial interest in Asante Foundation		58,514	_	(58,514)	_
Other assets, net		14,007	(43)	_	13,964
Pension asset	_	1,067			1,067
Total assets	\$ _	1,944,514	(124,341)	(58,514)	1,761,659

Consolidating Schedule – Balance Sheet Information

September 30, 2023

(In thousands)

Liabilities and Net Assets	_	Asante Obligated Group	Other affiliates	Eliminations	Consolidated total
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	41,586	2,682	_	44,268
Payroll, payroll taxes, and related benefits		41,447	1,505	_	42,952
Self-insurance liability, current portion		10,207	3,372	_	13,579
Estimated reimbursement due to government					
agencies, net		7,160	_	_	7,160
Other current liabilities		55,106	10,376	_	65,482
Current portion of long-term and financing lease					
obligations	_	9,053			9,053
Total current liabilities		164,559	17,935	_	182,494
Long-term debt and financing lease obligations, net of					
current portion and unamortized bond cost		519,707	_	_	519,707
Pension benefit obligation		, <u> </u>	_	_	· —
Other long-term liabilities	_	26,975	5,923		32,898
Total liabilities	_	711,241	23,858		735,099
Net assets:					
Without donor restrictions		1,187,214	(203,070)	(12,664)	971,480
With donor restrictions	_	46,059	54,871	(45,850)	55,080
Total net assets		1,233,273	(148,199)	(58,514)	1,026,560
Total liabilities and net assets	\$_	1,944,514	(124,341)	(58,514)	1,761,659

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

Consolidating Schedule - Operations and Changes in Net Assets Information

Year ended September 30, 2023

(In thousands)

	_	Asante Obligated Group	Other affiliates	Eliminations	Consolidated total
Revenue and other support:					
Net patient service revenue	\$	1,123,517	56,090	_	1,179,607
Other operating revenue	_	21,415	11,943	(2,488)	30,870
Total revenue and other support	_	1,144,932	68,033	(2,488)	1,210,477
Operating expenses:					
Salaries and benefits		625,026	77,840	_	702,866
Supplies		247,558	4,248	_	251,806
Purchased services		93,230	12,593	_	105,823
Professional fees		20,760	546	_	21,306
Repairs and maintenance		15,265	356	_	15,621
Insurance		3,921	5,030	(2,025)	6,926
Rent and utilities		13,621	116	_	13,737
Interest and amortization		6,281	463	(463)	6,281
Depreciation		40,818	1,825	· —	42,643
Provider tax expense		64,481	_	_	64,481
Other	_	9,415	2,061		11,476
Total operating expenses	_	1,140,376	105,078	(2,488)	1,242,966
Operating income (loss)		4,556	(37,045)	_	(32,489)
Nonoperating income	_	89,094	4,107		93,201
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenses		93,650	(32,938)	_	60,712
Net assets without restrictions released from restrictions used for purchases of property, plant, and equipment	_	286			286
Increase (decrease) in net assets without donor restrictions	_	93,936	(32,938)		60,998
Net assets with donor restriction:					
Contributions and investment income		9,880	9,880	(9,880)	9,880
Net assets released from restrictions	_	(1,326)	(1,326)	1,326	(1,326)
Increase (decrease) in net assets with					
restrictions		8,554	8,554	(8,554)	8,554
restrictions	_	0,004	0,334	(0,004)	0,334
Increase (decrease) in net assets		102,490	(24,384)	(8,554)	69,552
Net assets, beginning of year:					
Without donor restrictions		1,093,279	(170,133)	(12,664)	910,482
With donor restrictions		41,232	46,319	(41,025)	46,526
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Net assets, end of year	\$ ₌	1,237,001	(148,198)	(62,243)	1,026,560

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