

OCTOBER 2019 Hot Topics

Cancer Support

Patients can find relief from the stressful financial burden of a cancer diagnosis through our assistance with gas and groceries, free screenings, and support groups.

Meet Eric Blanco

Where did you grow up? I grew up in the SF Bay Area in a small town nestled on the East Bay called Newark. I am one of four siblings that moved to beautiful SLO to attend Cuesta and Cal Poly. I have lived in SLO County accumulatively over 12 years.

What is your position at the hospital?

Production Manager of Food & Nutrition Services, overseeing the production and distribution of patient meals and cafeteria meals for the hospital. I am also an active member of the Mission Integration Team.

What do you like most about working for our hospital? I enjoy most the people and employees of this hospital. Everyone here makes the choice to be at our hospital and it shows through the kindness I witness every day I also enjoy helping my community as a resident of Arroyo Grande.

What is your favorite thing to watch? I enjoy watching American Ninja Warrior with my wife Jessica and my son Jayden. Jayden has been actively participating in local ninja warrior competitions and has placed first in 2 of the last 3 competitions.

What is your favorite patient story? As I spend a lot of time in our cafeteria, I witness the compassion from others almost daily. Employees pay for each other's meals and occasionally pay for guest meals to show them they care. Thank you!



Acute Rehabilitation

The **20-bed** Acute Rehabilitation Center is the only one of its kind within a 100-mile radius.

Stroke Certified since 2015

Received Advanced Primary Stroke Center Certification by the Joint Commission. Offers specialized services for stroke patients.

Our Hospital

Mission Dignity Health and Arroyo Grande Community Hospital are committed to furthering the healing ministry of Jesus. We dedicate our resources to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health services, serving and advocating for our sisters and brothers who are poor and disenfranchised, and partnering with others in the community to improve the quality of life.

Opened in **1962** by four pioneering, community-focused physicians with the same spirit that guides the hospital strategy today.

2018 #'s

2,828 admissions
25,207 ER visits
603 inpatient surgeries
642 outpatient surgeries
8,806 CT scans
1,192 MRI scans

Overview

Beds: 67 (39 General Care, 20 Acute Rehabilitation, 8 Intensive Care)

Employees: 425

Medical Services Available: Acute Rehabilitation; Cancer Care; Emergency Services; Surgery; Imaging; Intensive Care; Laboratory Services; Medical/Surgical Inpatient Care; Neurological Care; Orthopedic Services; Physical, Speech and Respiratory Therapy

Service Area Cities: Arroyo Grande, Oceano, Grover Beach, Pismo Beach, Nipomo Population: 79,811
In 2015, the South County service area was declared a

Medically Underserved Area/Population

by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This means that residents in the area have a shortage of health services and the area includes large groups of people who face economic, cultural, or linguistic barriers to health care. This makes AGCH an important resource for our community, and we need to grow to meet the need.

Dignity Health's Five Core Values

Dignity • Collaboration • Justice • Stewardship • Excellence

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AGCH Foundation

began operating in 2006 to support the mission of the hospital.

Arroyo Grande Community Hospital Foundation

SupportArroyoGrande.org



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Upcoming Dates

Lunch with the Administrator:

October 22nd

Next Board Meeting: November 7th

Final 2019 HTSS & CPPF

Meeting: November 17th at
Edwards Barn

Call-a-thon: November 19th

Last time we learned:

The OR is in need of several upgrades to modernize the facility and increase efficiency. Here are some fun pictures from our special tour:



Foundation Updates



LEGACY CAMPAIGN

Goal:	\$6,500,000
Committed to date:	\$5,217,335
Pending gifts:	\$827,053
Total Committed & Pending:	\$6,044,388
Balance to raise:	\$455,612

Employee Campaign

**Giving
for
good.**

The Employee Campaign is kicking off this month with a goal of raising \$125,000 for the year! Events and prize drawings will be held throughout the month to encourage employees to give. If you know of a restaurant

or hotel that would be interested in donating a gift card as a way to market their business, please let us know! This year's fund designations for employee gifts will include Surgical Services, Behavioral Health Evaluation Team Fund, Nursing Education Fund, Employee Assistance Fund, and Where the Need is Greatest.