

# NOVEMBER 2021 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 Scott Robertson, MD

**Division Chief Medical Officer  
President & CEO Pacific Health Centers**

**Where did you grow up?** Louisville, Kentucky

**What do you like most about working for our hospital?** I am grateful for working with Dignity Health and our local teams' commitment to meeting the needs of our communities.

**What is your favorite thing to watch?** I enjoy watching professional football and college basketball.

**What is your favorite patient story?** It is difficult to pick one, but I have been tremendously impressed by the compassion and dedication of our hospital clinical staffs in their care of patients with severe illness.

**How has your work changed or been impacted by COVID-19?** In short, every aspect of my job has been impacted by COVID-19.

## 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.



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

## 2019 #'s

**2,672** admissions  
**23,573** ER visits  
**602** inpatient surgeries  
**808** outpatient surgeries  
**8,724** CT scans  
**1,576** MRI scans

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

**Employees: 387**

**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.

## Last month we learned:

The cancer programs at Mission Hope Cancer Center, Arroyo Grande provide a well-rounded approach to treating each patient, alongside several ongoing classes for patients and family members.

## 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.

## Overview

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## AGCH Foundation

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

## Arroyo Grande Community Hospital Foundation

[SupportArroyoGrande.org](http://SupportArroyoGrande.org)



Arroyo Grande  
Community Hospital Foundation.  
A Dignity Health Member

## Upcoming Dates

**Golf n' Grub:** November 12

**Giving Societies:** November 14

**Call-a-thon:** November 30

**Next Board Meeting:** December 2

**Comedy Night:** March 12, 2022



## Save the Date:

**Giving Societies Final Celebration Event**

January 23, 2022

3:00 - 5:00pm

# Giving Societies Combined Event - All Are Welcome

Please join us for a combined in-person meeting of the  
Hoelle Tompkins Sisterhood Society  
and Carrol Pruett Philanthropic Fraternity

**Sunday, November 14**

**10:00am** - Hospital Presentations (separate for each group)

**11:30am** - Combined Brunch

**SLO Brew - The Rock**

855 Aerovista Place / SLO

Please feel free to bring someone you think might like to join one of our societies.

RSVP to Les Lungren by October 29th.  
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