

# DECEMBER 2018 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.

## Orthopedic Services

Our hospital is known for its award-winning Orthopedic Services for bone and joint issues. Ranked among the **top 10%** in the nation for joint replacement surgery by HealthGrades. Nearly **500** knee surgeries and **300** hip surgeries are performed per year.

## Meet Dr. Peter Thom

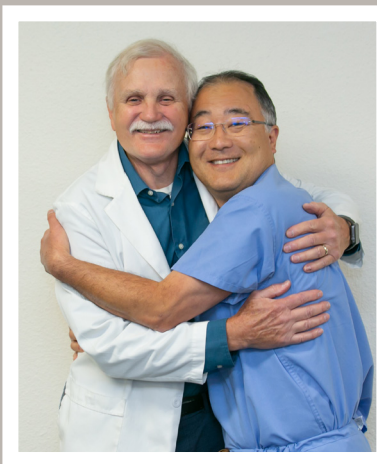
**Where did you grow up?** I was born in Detroit although I have no Motown moves. However, I grew up predominately in a suburb of Minneapolis Minnesota.

**What is your position at the hospital?** Chief of Staff and Cardiology

**What do you like most about working for our hospital?** I like the people; I like taking care of patients and interacting with caregivers and physicians. In short, the relationships

**What is your favorite movie?** It depends - Casablanca, Sabrina, Lord of the Rings Trilogy.

**Your favorite patient story?** I've had so many patients; there are always people that you spend a lot of time with that recover. One that stands out, one guy came in with heroin overdose, he was a young kid and I worked with him for 3 hours straight every 5 minutes keeping his heart going - shocked him and gave him CPR and he survived. But sadly, he probably went back to using heroin. There are so many stories like that it's hard to single out one.



## 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.

## 2017 #'s

**2,852** admissions  
**27,456** ER visits  
**995** inpatient surgeries  
**703** outpatient surgeries  
**7,096** CT scans  
**1,082** MRI scans

## 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.

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

## Overview

**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.

## Last month we learned:

The continuum of care is important when it comes to the care of patients with behavioral health issues. The Care Coordination Department strives to work preventatively and collaboratively with community partners after patients leave the hospital and helps patients navigate through the complex care system.

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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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A Dignity Health Member

## Upcoming Dates

### Joint Board Holiday Party:

December 12th at the Cliffs

**Ember Dinner:** February 4th

**Board Meeting:** February 11th

### Lunch with the Administrator:

February 27th

**Board Retreat:** March 7th

**Comedy Night:** March 16th

## Foundation Updates



## LEGACY CAMPAIGN

Goal:	<b>\$6,500,000</b>
Committed to date:	\$4,136,839
Pending gifts:	\$1,164,830
Total Committed & Pending:	\$5,301,669
Balance to raise:	<b>\$1,198,331</b>

## Hoelle Tompkins Sisterhood Society

And the winner is . . .

## Emergency Department Specialty Rooms!

The Sisterhood Society voted to support Emergency Department enhancements with their 2018 membership gifts totaling \$80,000. This includes motorized stretchers, ceiling-mounted lifts, and several computerized IV pumps, all of which will provide added safety and efficiency for care at our Emergency Department.



## The Carrol Pruett Philanthropic Fraternity

Thanks to all who attended our kick-off event on November 18th at Loriana, and to those that have already signed up with a pledge! We currently have 36 signed pledges and are expecting many more to come. Don't forget to invite your friends to join!



## 2019 Schedule of Events

### Hoelle Tompkins Sisterhood Society

February 10th  
May 5th  
September 8th

### Carrol Pruett Philanthropic Fraternity

January 27th  
April 10th  
August 25th

**Combined Year-End Event:** November 17th