

DECEMBER 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 Chaplain Brian Stoltey

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Santa Maria, the youngest of four boys. I spent some time away from home in San Francisco, Sacramento and Fresno to pursue my education & calling but have always had my heart and roots here on the Central Coast – I am so grateful to be home again. **What is your position at the hospital?** I work as a chaplain – which can mean various things depending on who I am serving. I strive to encourage, to remind, to comfort, to inform, to love. I've been with Dignity Health (CHW) since 2008, and have spent time at both Marian & AG hospitals, hospice as well providing chaplain care in our network of PHC health centers. I currently divide my hours between the clinics & AGCH.

I also chair the AG Mission Integration Team and serve on the Hospital-Wide Safety & Quality Shared Governance Council. **What do you like most about working for our hospital?** I enjoy most the incredible people I am surrounded by every day. From patients who are working so hard to regain their strength to the dedicated nurses and staff who selflessly care for each individual and each other. **What is your favorite thing to watch?** I am a bit of a movie nut. I watch all sorts of films—from the big releases to the sort of thing they run at the Palm in San Luis. I haven't gotten into any TV shows lately as I do not have access to cable, but I guess my version of channel surfing these days is watching YouTube videos. **What is your favorite patient story?** My favorite patient story—I think—is the next one. I am eager to see what unfolds. I am amazed on a regular basis by the love I see exchanged between people. My personal highlight reel is filled with this sort of thing: people doing quiet, extraordinary things for the people they care about. I have been able to witness so many beautiful expressions over the past decade. I have a front row seat to the best of humanity.



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

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 Rehabilitation Program will help patients form good exercise and nutrition habits for life, which helps to prevent recurrence of cancer.

Overview

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AGCH Foundation

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

Arroyo Grande Community Hospital Foundation

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A Dignity Health Member

Upcoming Dates

Joint Board Holiday Party:

December 11th

Carrol Pruett Philanthropic

Fraternity: January 26th

Next Board Meeting: February 6th

Hoelle Tompkins Sisterhood

Society: February 9th

Lunch with the Administrator:

February 19th

Board Retreat: March 5th

Comedy Night: March 14th

Spiritual Care Services

Spirituality is a valuable resource that helps people cope in times of crisis such as illness, trauma, and loss.

Arroyo Grande Community Hospital chaplains help patients, visitors, and staff by providing counsel, relieving anxiety, administering spiritual healing ceremonies, helping patients and their families identify their spiritual strengths

and concerns, and offering support. Increased chaplain availability and care supplies will help ensure patients can always have their spiritual needs met as they heal.



Employee Circle of Friends 2020

82 Hour of Power members

152 donors or 39% of employees

\$111,580 anticipated amount to be raised

Foundation Updates



LEGACY CAMPAIGN

Goal:	\$6,500,000
Committed to date:	\$5,548,720
Pending gifts:	\$805,061
Total Committed & Pending:	\$6,353,781
Balance to raise:	\$146,219

And the winner is . . .



Hoelle Tompkins Sisterhood Society:

Ultrasound Technology for the Emergency Department!

Carrol Pruett Philanthropic Fraternity:

Behavioral Health Evaluation Team for the Emergency Department!

Thank you all for your support!