

# DECEMBER 2020 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.

**Emergency Department** Over **85%** of patients are seen by a Board-certified physician in under **30** minutes, exceeding nationwide average wait time by 15 minutes. Over **2,000** patients are seen per month.

**Imaging Services** A new outpatient diagnostic center with state-of-the-art technology including a CT scanner, X-ray machine, ultrasound and bone density (DEXA) scanner provides readily accessible care in a comfortable setting.

**Cancer Care Services** Mission Hope Arroyo Grande provides cancer care services with a care team including oncologists, a nurse navigator, dietician, social worker and pharmacist.

## 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

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

## 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: 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

## Last month we learned:

Jennifir Bautista, Operating Room Business Manager, explained several fundraising needs for the OR including lights, towers, sanitation and disinfecting systems, and power tools.

## Dignity Health's Five Core Values

Compassion • Inclusion • Integrity • Excellence • Collaboration

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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)



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## Upcoming Dates

**Call-a-thon:** December 8th

**Next Board Meeting:** February 4, 2021

**Comedy Night:** March 13, 2021

## Our Current Funding Priorities:

- Emergency Support Fund
- Mission Hope Arroyo Grande:
  - Cancer Care Fund
  - Cancer Rehabilitation Program
  - Transport to Treatment Program
- Acute Rehabilitation Center:
  - Recreational Therapy Program
- Behavioral Health Services
- Parking Solution
- Surgical Services
- Spiritual Care Services

## Cancer Care Fund Update

Since January 2020, \$230,790 in Cancer Care Fund donations has been used to serve 1,095 patients as follows:

112 Gas Cards  
59 Grocery Cards  
60 in Financial Assistance  
291 in Cancer Support Groups (temporarily on hold due to pandemic)  
11 Psychosocial Counseling Sessions  
26 Genetic Counseling Sessions  
16 Colonoscopy Screenings  
520 Transports

The fund also supports an oncology nurse navigator, social worker and transportation coordinator to guide each patient from diagnosis throughout recovery and connect them with any resources they need.



Cancer Care Fund

## Call-a-thon

**Help us make critical upgrades to the OR!**

If you are available to help on December 8, please contact Kim Goodwin at 805-310-3065.

If you or someone you know would like to make a seed gift, please contact the Foundation at 805-994-5421.

