February 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.

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.

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.

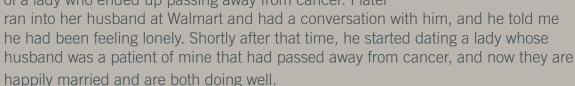
Meet Dr. Pravir Vatsa

Where did you grow up? I grew up in India.
What is your position at the hospital? I am the
Director of the Hospitalists practice, as well as the Chair
of the Department of Medicine.

What do you like most about working for our hospital? Everything. It's a wonderful place to work, with wonderful people.

What is your favorite movie? Seven Samurai.

Your favorite patient story? A while ago, I took care of a lady who ended up passing away from cancer. I later



Dignity Health's Five Core Values

Dignity • Collaboration • Justice • Stewardship • Excellence

Opened in **1962**

community-focused physicians with the san spirit that guides the hospital strategy today.

2017 #'s

2,852 admissions

27,456 ER visits995 inpatient surgeries

703 outpatient surgeries

7,096 CT scans1,082 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

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 Emergency Department expansion is nearly complete, and the renovation of existing space will take place within the year!

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AGCH Foundation

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

Arroyo Grande Community Hospital Foundation

SupportArroyoGrande.org



Upcoming Dates

Lunch with the Administrator:

February 27th

Board Retreat: March 7th

Comedy Night: March 16th

Ember Event: May 20th

Foundation UpdatesLEGACY CAMPAIGNLEGACY
CAMPAIGNGoal:\$6,500,000Committed to date:\$4,442,057Pending gifts:\$1,102,595Total Committed & Pending:\$5,544,652Balance to raise:\$955,348

Fund Report: The Cancer Care Fund

The Cancer Care Fund provides local cancer patients with a wide range of financial and emotional support. Between July and December 2018, \$30,350 was used to serve a total of 210 patients as follows:

- 44 gas cards
- 6 grocery cards
- 47 in financial assistance
- 31 in cancer support groups
- 51 psychosocial counseling sessions
- 23 genetic counseling sessions
- 8 colonoscopy screenings

The fund also supports an oncology nurse navigator and social worker to guide each patient from diagnosis throughout recovery and connect them with any resources they need. With the expanded cancer care services opening soon on our campus, we expect an even greater need for the Cancer Care Fund.

2018 Year-end Appeal Mailing

This year's letter focused on the expanded cancer services portion of the Legacy Campaign. The letter prompted **159** gifts so far, raising a total of **\$25,393**.

We had a lot to celebrate in December:

Overall Dollars Raised July - December 2018

