

FEBRUARY 2020 Hot Topics

Meet Jenni Davis

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Southern California in La Crescenta with my parents and one younger brother. I came to the Central Coast in 1971 to attend Cal Poly and have worked in both San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties since graduation in 1975. Since raising three wonderful sons, I have advocated on behalf of the senior population, injured workers and cancer patients throughout my career. The Central Coast is home to me. **What is your position at Mission Hope Arroyo Grande?** I work as an Oncology Counselor/Patient Advocate for Mission Hope Cancer Center, Arroyo Grande. I provide short term, one on one counseling, information and referral to community resources and coordinate and facilitate support groups, educational programs, and other resources for cancer patients, their families and caregivers. My daily goal is to provide a caring, listening ear and to encourage those who are living with a cancer diagnosis. I've been with Dignity Health (CHW) since 2007, and have been with Mission Hope Cancer Center since it's opening in Santa Maria in 2012 and have been in the Arroyo Grande center since it opened in November, 2019. **What do you like most about working for our hospital?** I am honored to be able to work daily, with a team of doctors, nurses, and other supportive staff who share the same priorities with regard to our cancer patients. As a team, we are dedicated to helping our patients live with cancer and providing the resources and emotional support necessary for them to do so. **What is your favorite thing to watch?** I don't watch much TV, but enjoy movies of all kinds either at home or in local theaters. Truthfully, I would rather be outside hiking, walking, working in my yard, or enjoying the beach, where I live. **What is your favorite patient story?** Every story is unique so naming only one would be difficult. Each patient brings so much inspiration. I am grateful for all I have learned and observed – grace, strength, hope and love. These are only a few of the things I am able to experience with and through our patients, their families and caregivers.



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

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)

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:

Fundraising projects for Fiscal Year 2020 include the Cancer Care Fund, the Cancer Rehabilitation Program, the Lung GPS Patient Management Platform, the Transport to Treatment Program, the Recreational Therapy Program, the Recreational Therapy Garden, the Mental Health Evaluation Team, a Parking Solution, Surgical Services, and Spiritual Care Services.

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

Hoelle Tompkins Sisterhood

Society: February 9th

Local Healthcare Update:

(formerly Lunch with the Administrator)
February 19th

Board Retreat: March 5th

Comedy Night: March 14th

Carrol Pruett Philanthropic

Fraternity: April 5th

Our Current Funding Priorities:

- Mission Hope Arroyo Grande:
 - Cancer Care Fund
 - Cancer Rehabilitation Program
 - Lung GPS Patient Management Platform
 - Transport to Treatment Program
- Acute Rehabilitation Center:
 - Recreational Therapy Program
 - Recreational Therapy Garden
- Behavioral Health Services
- Parking Solution
- Surgical Services:
 - Mini C-Arm & Positioning Equipment
- Spiritual Care Services

Comedy Night - Saturday, March 14th at Thousand Hills Ranch



Theme: Comedy in the Country

Comedian: Trish Suhr

Band: Monte Mills and the Lucky Horseshoe Band

Benefitting: The Cancer Rehabilitation Program

How you can help:

Sponsorships – Sponsorships available ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 – do you know someone who might be interested?

Auction Items – Every year the Foundation Board comes together to donate an incredible auction item. If you have anything else that might be good for the auction, please talk to Kim!

Wine Raffle – We will have another wine raffle this year – please consider contributing bottles of wine!

Vendors – We need help getting more vendors on board to provide appetizer-sized portions for 400! Do you have any contacts in the restaurant, winery, or brewery business?

Auction Items
are on our
website!

