

FEBRUARY 2022 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.

Dignity Health's Five Core Values

Compassion • Inclusion • Integrity • Excellence • Collaboration

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.

2019 #'s
2,672 admissions
23,573 ER visits
602 inpatient surgeries
808 outpatient surgeries
8,724 CT scans
1,576 MRI scans

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 resource for our community, and we need to grow to meet the need.

Last month we learned:

The Street Medicine Program helps meet medical, social, and basic needs of people experiencing homelessness with a team that visits them where they are. The Interactive Screening Program provides anonymous screening and therapist engagement for employees to help break down the stigma around asking for help with mental health.

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.

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AGCH Foundation

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

Upcoming Dates

Board Retreat: March 2nd

Comedy Night: March 12th

Next Board Meeting: April 7th

Arroyo Grande Community Hospital Foundation

SupportArroyoGrande.org



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A Dignity Health Member

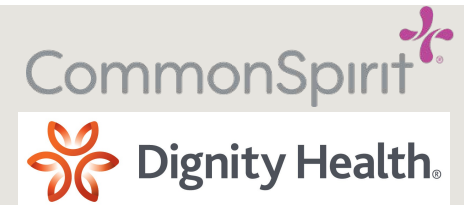
Surgical Services Campaign



Board Member Responsibilities:

- Attend 2/3 of all meetings, review materials prior
- Make every effort to attend special events and functions
- Be informed about mission, services, policies, programs
- Serve on at least one committee and take assignments
- Assist with access to new areas of resource development
- Inform others about AGCHF and be an ambassador
- Suggest nominees who can make significant contributions to the work of the board
- Follow Conflict of Interest and confidentiality policies
- Work in good faith towards achieving goals
- Assist with fiduciary responsibilities, review financials
- Inform Board Chair if unable to fulfill duties. If unable to meet obligations, consider resigning
- Include Foundation in your philanthropic giving at an amount significant to you

3rd Anniversary of CommonSpirit Health



What does it mean for Arroyo Grande Community Hospital?

In California, we still publicly go by Dignity Health. While being a larger company isn't always better, we have seen the benefits of understanding other markets, better pricing, and more opportunities to learn from others. Being part of CommonSpirit Health does not affect how we implement strategies or deliver care locally, and administratively, it makes us better.

Seeking New Board Members!

Do you know someone who might make a good board member?

A few of the most important qualities we are looking for:

- Good character
- Diversity
- Interest in our mission
- Time to serve
- Community connections/influence
- Willingness to use personal and professional resources to meet the Foundation's fundraising goals

Professional areas/skills we're currently missing:

- mortgage banker
- lawyer

Financial Audits

Arroyo Grande Community Hospital Foundation's financial statements are audited as part of CommonSpirit Health's annual audit. The Foundation is not required to have a stand-alone audit, and thus an opinion is not expressed solely about the Foundation's financial statements.