

# MARCH 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.

## 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.

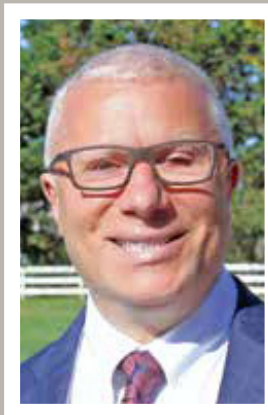
## Meet Dr. Keith Ayrons

**Where he grew up:** Long Island, New York

**His position at the hospital:** Medical Oncologist/  
Hematologist at the Mission Hope Cancer Center

**How he got involved in medicine:** At a young age, he visited the medical office where his mother worked after school and during the summer. He was content to spend time observing the physicians and even kept a notebook detailing all he had seen. The doctor that his mother worked for became his mentor. He eventually volunteered at a local hospital, further molding his interest in medicine.

**What brought him to the Central Coast:** He has visited California frequently over the years, as his sister-in-law lives in the area. He is now excited to continue his passion for Oncology while taking care of patients on the Central Coast.



## 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.

## Dignity Health's Five Core Values

Dignity • Collaboration • Justice • Stewardship • Excellence

## Our Hospital

Opened in **1962** by four pioneering, community-focused physicians with the same spirit that guides the hospital strategy today.

### 2017 #'s

**2,852** admissions  
**27,456** ER visits  
**995** inpatient surgeries  
**703** outpatient surgeries  
**7,096** CT scans  
**1,082** 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)

**Employees: 425**

**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:

Mission Hope – Arroyo Grande will offer a variety of services that will address both the illness and daily struggles of cancer patients.

## Overview

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## AGCH Foundation

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

## Arroyo Grande Community Hospital Foundation

SupportArroyoGrande.org



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A Dignity Health Member

## Upcoming Dates

**Comedy Night:** March 16th  
**Lunch with the Administrator:**  
March 27th

**Next Board Meeting:**  
April 4th  
**Ember Event:** May 20th

## Fund Report: The Volunteen Scholarship Fund

Our teen volunteers – also known as Volunteens - sacrifice their valuable time during afternoons, evenings, and/or weekends to serve patients in our hospital. As they approach their senior year of high school, many apply to colleges and begin making very important life decisions. The Volunteen Scholarship Fund provides exceptional Volunteen graduates with scholarships as they begin their journey with higher education.



Over **\$5,000** has been raised so far to help our Volunteens as they face the exorbitant prices of college tuition and textbooks. We hope to raise even more as the end of the school year approaches.

## Foundation Updates



### LEGACY CAMPAIGN

Goal:	<b>\$6,500,000</b>
Committed to date:	\$4,521,674
Pending gifts:	\$1,091,594
Total Committed & Pending:	\$5,613,268
Balance to raise:	<b>\$886,732</b>

## Ember Winemaker Dinner

Join us as we honor long-time supporter Bernie Flood with a multi-course dinner at Ember Restaurant in Arroyo Grande. Chef Brian Collins will prepare a multi-course dinner paired with exquisite local wines. Tickets are available for \$250 per person online or by calling the Foundation office. All proceeds will benefit the Legacy Campaign.

