

MARCH 2021 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.

Dignity Health's Five Core Values

Compassion • Inclusion • Integrity • Excellence • Collaboration

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:

Dr. Karl Sandin, Medical Director and Kerry Nau, Program Director of the Acute Rehabilitation Center presented a new opportunity to purchase Andago and Armeo Spring devices through the Muscular Skeletal Therapy Fund to help patients recover strength and function.

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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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Upcoming Dates

Comedy Night: March 13, 2021

Next Board Meeting: April 1, 2021

Comedy Night

Invite your friends to register for Comedy Night at SupportArroyoGrande.org! Please share posts on social media and forward emails from the Foundation.

Auction:

This year, our auction will be held online, making our thoughtfully curated and valuable auction items more accessible than ever. You don't need a ticket to Comedy Night to bid. The auction will be open from Thursday, March 11 through Sunday, March 14.

Foundation Board Auction Item:

Ultimate Camping Experience – America the Beautiful pass and camping gear

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

Put on your **FANCY PANTS** and Laugh the Night Away

Comedy Night
Saturday, March 13, 2021

Coming to you virtually, Comedy Night 2021 will be a night like no other.
Visit SupportArroyoGrande.org for details.

Comedy Night Sponsors

Event Sponsor: Vituity
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