

# MAY 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.

## 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.

## Expanded Cancer Care Services

Services are being expanded in a space completely dedicated to cancer treatment, recovery and education with a care team including oncologists, a nurse navigator, dietician, social worker and pharmacist.

## Dignity Health's Five Core Values

Dignity • Collaboration • Justice • Stewardship • Excellence

## 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.

## 2017 #'s

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

## 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:

Health care is a major topic in political discussions, and any decisions that are made will have an impact on hospitals nationwide. However, it is unlikely that new plans will move forward in the near future because of their economic ramifications.

## 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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Community Hospital Foundation.  
A Dignity Health Member

## Upcoming Dates

### Hoelle Tompkins Sisterhood

**Society:** May 5th

**Grand Opening Event:** May 11th

**Ember Event:** May 20th

**Breakfast with the**

**Administrator:** May 22nd

**Next Board Meeting:** June 6th

## Matthew Will Memorial Medical Center Grand Opening

Stop by the Matthew Will Memorial Medical Center on **May 11th** between 11-2pm for a free fun-filled community event! The event will feature food and refreshments, family fun and games, demonstrations from local clubs, health and wellness activities, and self-guided tours of the building.



## Foundation Updates



### LEGACY CAMPAIGN

Goal:	<b>\$6,500,000</b>
Committed to date:	\$4,815,656
Pending gifts:	\$1,025,262
Total Committed & Pending:	\$5,840,918
Balance to raise:	<b>\$659,082</b>

**Winemaker Dinner** Our Winemaker Dinner honoring Bernie Flood and benefiting the Legacy Campaign is this month! Don't forget to invite your friends and family for an opportunity to enjoy exquisite wines and delicious food for a great cause!

## Winemaker Dinner

HONORING BERNIE FLOOD  
Benefitting the Legacy Campaign at Arroyo Grande Community Hospital

Monday, May 20th, 2019 | 6:00pm  
\$250 per person

Ember Restaurant  
1200 E. Grand Avenue in Arroyo Grande

Enjoy a multi-course dinner prepared by  
Chef Brian Collins paired with  
exquisite local wines