

MAY 2020 Hot Topics

Meet Dana Melgares, RN, MPH

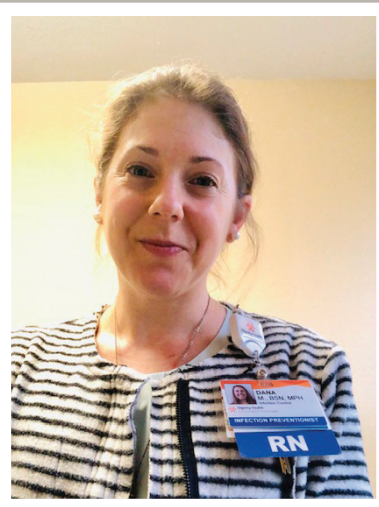
Where did you grow up? Ojai, CA

What is your position at our hospital? Infection Preventionist

What do you like most about working for our hospital? How much our staff really cares about one another, our patients, and this community.

What is your favorite thing to watch? I love to see nurses and physicians working together, supporting one another through challenges and advocating for their patients. Also, hand washing! This is a huge part of my job, as a means to prevent the spread of infectious diseases (of which this hospital does a very good job).

What is your favorite patient story? When I previously worked on the floor as an RN here at this hospital, I remember one patient who spent several weeks isolated in his room due to an infectious illness. He remained amazingly positive - always greeting us with a smile and asking about the plan for the day - and was such an inspiration to both the staff and other patients. He recovered and regained his strength, and when he was discharged home I remember the staff commenting on how much he would be missed. He was an inspiration for me to go into this field, as a means to help improve the outcomes and well-being of our patients and our community.



Dignity Health's Five Core Values

Dignity • Collaboration • Justice • Stewardship • Excellence

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.

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)

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:

All in person events, including Comedy Night, have been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sue Andersen shared the extra measures that are being put in place to keep the community safe. In response, the Foundation established the Emergency Support Fund to assist the hospital with any pending or future needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Hoelle Tompkins & Carrol Pruett Virtual Meeting: April 30th

Next Board Meeting: June 4th

Comedy Night: September 19th

Fund Spotlight

Emergency Support Fund

The Emergency Support Fund was established to Arroyo Grande Community Hospital's efforts in responding to a crisis, such as the current COVID-19 pandemic. Funds will help with the extraordinary costs the hospital may incur in this challenging time, as well as supporting the health and well-being of our frontline caregivers.



**Emergency
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Fund**

Our Current Funding Priorities:

- Emergency Support Fund
- 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

Follow us on Social Media

Follow our Facebook and Instagram accounts for a look at the generosity of our community with donations they have provided to our staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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