

# JUNE 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.

## 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.

## Meet Amber Rogers

Where did you grow up? Rupert, Idaho

What is your position at the hospital?

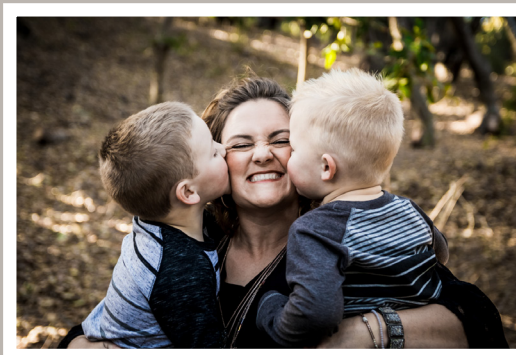
Senior Director of Nursing

What do you like most about working for our hospital?

Everything we do supports the patients and families when they are at their most vulnerable state. We are able to connect with our community, provide comfort and safety and we play an integral role in improving patient health outcomes.

What is your favorite thing to watch? At this current moment, anything baseball-related (my boys are baseball fanatics).

What is your favorite patient story? There are so many wonderful patient stories: Patients walking out of the hospital that should have never walked again, patients surviving a diagnosis with a poor prognosis, offering support and comfort for end-of-life care, helping patients navigate through the complex healthcare system to receive follow-up care. I could share stories daily. The team at AGCH is magnificent, very caring, sincere, and compassionate. I am lucky to work with such great people and work for a community that truly cares about each other.



## 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)

## Overview

**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:

**Outpatient Imaging and Laboratory:** Lab outreach (outpatient care) is an integral factor in continuity of care. New top-of-the-line imaging machines provide advantages for radiologists and patients.

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## AGCH Foundation

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

## Upcoming Dates

### Lunch with the Administrator:

June 26th

## Arroyo Grande Community Hospital Foundation

[SupportArroyoGrande.org](http://SupportArroyoGrande.org)



Arroyo Grande  
Community Hospital Foundation.

A Dignity Health Member

### Board Year-End Celebration:

July 18th

### Next Board Meeting:

August 1st

**Golf n' Grub:** September 16th

## Mission Hope Arroyo Grande

Opening this month with providers Dr. Keith Ayrons and Dr. Robert Dichmann, Mission Hope Arroyo Grande is home to:

- Clinical Research Trials
  - Cutting edge cancer treatment options
- Cancer Resource Center
  - Oncology nurse navigator
  - Registered dietician
  - Social worker
  - Research Coordinator
  - Psychosocial Supportive Program
  - Appearance Center – wigs, scarves, Look Good Feel Better Class
  - Integrative Medicine – energy balancing, acupuncture
- Infusion Suite
  - 12 chairs
  - Oncology Certified Nurses
  - On-site pharmacist
- Conference Room
  - Education, support groups and Tumor Board meetings
- Cancer Rehabilitation Program (opening in Fall)
  - Cancer Exercise Trainer, yoga, pilates, stretching and exercise equipment



## Foundation Updates



## LEGACY CAMPAIGN

Goal:	<b>\$6,500,000</b>
Committed to date:	\$4,920,883
Pending gifts:	\$1,007,357
Total Committed & Pending:	\$5,928,240
Balance to raise:	<b>\$571,760</b>

### Save the Date:

**September 16, 2019** at

Monarch Dunes Golf Course. Registration for sponsors of \$2,500 or more is now available! Call 805.994.5421 to reserve. Registration for all other foursomes will begin on August 1, 2019 at [SupportArroyoGrande.org](http://SupportArroyoGrande.org).

