

SEPTEMBER 2018 Hot Topics

Cancer Support

Patients can find relief from the stressful financial burden of a cancer diagnosis through our assistance with gas, 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.

Proudly providing **award-winning health care** to our Central Coast community & visitors.

Awards & Accolades - Arroyo Grande

- Ranked Among the Top 10% in the Nation for Joint Replacement Surgery, 2013–2015
- Five-Star Recipient for Total Hip Replacement, 2018
- Women's Choice Award for America's Best Hospitals for Patient Safety, 2018
- Women's Choice Award for America's Best Hospitals for Orthopedics, 2018
- Women's Choice Award for America's Best Hospitals for Stroke Care, 2018
- Women's Choice Award for America's Best Hospitals for Cancer Care, 2018
- Healthcare Innovation Award, CenCal Health, 2016
- Advanced Primary Stroke Center Certified as recommended by the Joint Commission, 2015
- Performance Excellence Award by CALNOC (Collaborative Alliance for Nursing Outcomes), 2015
- Blue Distinction Center for Knee and Hip Replacement®, Blue Shield of California, 4 years in a row
- Accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations for Health-Care Quality and Safety Survey

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.

Looking for more Hot Topics information?

Current and past issues of Hot Topics will be on our website at SupportArroyoGrande.org under the News & Events section.

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AGCH Foundation

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

Upcoming Dates Board Meeting:

September 6th • October 8th

Lunch with the Administrator:

September 10th

Golf n' Grub: September 17th

Arroyo Grande Community Hospital Foundation

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**Breakfast with the
Administrator:** October 17th
Hoelle Tompkins Sisterhood

Society: September 9th
Joint Board Holiday Party:
December 12th

Comedy Night: March 16th, 2019

Foundation Updates



LEGACY CAMPAIGN

Goal:	\$6,500,000
Committed to date:	\$4,081,913
Pending gifts:	\$1,178,833
Total Committed & Pending:	\$5,260,746
Balance to raise:	\$1,239,254

Fund Report: The Cancer Care Fund provides local cancer patients with a wide range of financial and emotional support. In FY 2018, **\$119,450** was used to serve a total of **424** patients as follows:

- 159 Gas Cards
- 31 Grocery Cards
- 69 in Financial Assistance
- 77 in Cancer Support Groups
- 43 Psychosocial Counseling Sessions
- 39 Genetic Counseling Sessions
- 6 Colonoscopy Screenings



The fund also supports an oncology nurse navigator and social worker to guide each patient from diagnosis throughout recovery and connect them with any resources they need.

We expect an even greater need for the Cancer Care Fund in FY 2019 with the expansion of cancer care services on our campus.



How Can I Help?

Do you know a potential donor that might be interested in a private meal and behind-the-scenes tour with our Hospital Administrator? Invite them to a **Breakfast or Lunch with the Administrator!** They will hear details about our expansion plans, new technologies, enhanced facilities, and learn about the future delivery of local health care.

Facebook Spotlights:

We have decided to feature each of our board members on our Facebook page! We will reach out to you for a short quote to use when your turn comes up. Some things to consider: Why did you decide to join the Foundation Board? What have you learned since being a board member? What does good healthcare mean to you?

