

SEPTEMBER 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 Parien Greenall

Where did you grow up? I grew up in San Jose, California during the era when Apple and IBM were establishing their companies in the bay area. It was an exciting time. My mother worked for Memorex and manufactured 100 lbs hard drives that held the same amount of stored data our cell phones hold today. My father engineered and built machinery that produced medical tubing used in some of the first heart catheters and stents.

What is your position at the hospital? I have the awesome privilege to work in the only acute physical rehabilitation facility within a 50 mile radius as a nurse manager.

What do you like most about working for our hospital? I enjoy most the incredible people I am surrounded by every day. From patients who are working so hard to regain their strength to the dedicated nurses and staff who selflessly care for each individual and each other.

What is your favorite thing to watch? I enjoy watching feel-good movies or real life stories. My guilty pleasure is a good rom-com.

What is your favorite patient story? My favorite patient stories are when patients who leave acute rehab unable to independently walk and return to visit walking on their own two feet without a walker or wheelchair to assist. That is the best!



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.

2018 #'s

2,828 admissions
25,207 ER visits
603 inpatient surgeries
642 outpatient surgeries
8,806 CT scans
1,192 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:

The expanded section of the Emergency Department is now accepting patients. The existing space is under renovation, and is expected to be completed in six months. The cancer rehabilitation area at Mission Hope Arroyo Grande is expected to be completed in nine months.

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AGCH Foundation

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

Upcoming Dates

Hoelle Tompkins Sisterhood

Society: September 8th

Golf n' Grub: September 16th

Arroyo Grande Community Hospital Foundation

SupportArroyoGrande.org



Arroyo Grande
Community Hospital Foundation.

A Dignity Health Member

Lunch with the Administrator:

September 24th

Next Board Meeting: October 3rd

Final 2019 HTSS & CPPF

Meeting: November 17th at
Edwards Barn

The Nursing Education Fund

An anonymous employee gift to support nursing education has inspired the opening of a Nursing Education Fund. The fund will provide scholarships to Arroyo Grande Community Hospital nurses to attend training and educational conferences, which can cost anywhere from \$500 to over \$1,000. Nurses will then be able to return and report with process improvement ideas and

implementation. Donors can choose to support nurses in specific departments or contribute to the general Nursing Education Fund to be used where the need is greatest. The hospital will form a committee which will determine criteria and review each application to select recipients.



Foundation Updates



LEGACY CAMPAIGN

Goal:	\$6,500,000
Committed to date:	\$5,189,359
Pending gifts:	\$831,512
Total Committed & Pending:	\$6,020,871
Balance to raise:	\$479,129

GOLF N' GRUB

SOLD OUT!

September 16, 2019

We need your help! Volunteers are still needed. Assignments include serving food and/or drinks on a golf course hole, set-up, tear-down and more. Please speak with Montisa or Kim Goodwin if you are able to volunteer.

Tee signs are still available – contact Shelby at (805) 994-5419.

Fall Sheet Sale:

September 12th & 13th

Stop by the main lobby of the hospital between 8am – 4pm for high quality bed sheets, pillows, comforters and more by the Sheet Guys to benefit the Volunteer Scholarship Fund.