

ADVANCED CARE HOSPITAL OF WHITE COUNTY

LONG-TERM ACUTE CARE (LTACH)



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ABOUT ADVANCED CARE HOSPITAL OF WHITE COUNTY

Welcome and thank you for visiting Advanced Care Hospital of White County to learn more about our services. As a long-term acute care hospital, we specialize in providing care to patients who need an extended hospital stay due to medically complex conditions.

Long-term care is also known as transitional care, and we continue critical care treatment without disruption. Our hospital provides needed medical treatment for seriously ill patients as they transition from a general hospital setting back into their original residence, which may be their home, a skilled nursing facility (SNF), rehabilitation facility or assisted-living residence. Long-term care hospitals furnish extended medical and rehabilitative care to individuals with clinically complex problems, such as multiple acute or chronic conditions, that need hospital-level care for relatively extended periods of time, usually 20 to 30 days.

When is long-term acute care (LTACH) the best option for your loved one?

By asking the question, “Why is an LTACH the best setting for my situation?”, you may begin to understand the advantages of the Advanced Care Hospital of White County. Our care team is unique in that our patients are dealing with long-term conditions and need around-the-clock care. We administer care to our patients who are experiencing difficult illnesses every day. Not only are we equipped with experience to treat medically complex patients, but our highly trained care team is skilled at recognizing their needs.

COMMON CONDITIONS WE TREAT (NOT COMPREHENSIVE):

- Congestive heart failure
- Extended recovery
- Infectious diseases
- Malnutrition
- Mulit-system complications
- Post-surgery
- Respiratory diseases
- Renal failure, sepsis
- Uncontrolled diabetes
- Wounds

AVAILABLE PROCEDURES IN-HOUSE (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO):

- Bronchoscopy
- Cardioversion
- Chest tubes
- Debridement
- EGD’s
- Paracentesis
- Peg tube placement
- Thoracentesis
- Tracheostomy placement



Our Care Team

Advanced Care Hospital uses a multidisciplinary approach to caring for patients with complex medical conditions. The care team involves physicians, nurses, aides, dietitians, therapists, pharmacists and social workers, who work together to create and provide an individualized plan of care for each patient.

Board Certified Internal Medicine Physicians

The physician serves as the care team leader. As a highly specialized member of the medical staff, the physician is responsible for each patient’s individual plan of care. Physicians also visit patients on a daily basis to monitor their progress.

Physician Specialists

- Cardiology
- Hematology/Oncology
- Infectious Disease
- Nephrology
- Orthopedics
- Psychiatry
- Pulmonology
- Surgery

Nurses

Our experienced nurses play a hands-on role in caring for patients. They are specialized in different areas of care to meet our patients unique needs. The care team includes registered nurses, critical care nurses, advanced cardiac life support nurses, PICC line nurses, wound care nurses and procedure nurses.

Social Workers

Social workers serve as patient advocates to ensure the entire process—from admission to discharge—goes as smoothly as possible. Also, social workers assist patients in dealing with their insurance companies to certify the hospital stay and verify coverage. Finally, social workers coordinate the plan of care for discharge to ensure patients transition smoothly from our hospital to their next residence.

Therapists

Occupational and physical therapists examine and diagnose patients to determine the best methods to use to help them reach their highest level of function and ensure they can perform

activities of daily living. The therapists work with patients to improve their mobility, strength and endurance. Respiratory therapists assess, treat, evaluate, monitor and manage patients who have breathing disorders/diseases or cardiovascular conditions. Speech therapists work with patients whose speech or swallowing has been affected by their complex medical condition.

Dietitians

Nutrition is a critical component to the body’s healing process. Our dietitians work closely with the care team in planning for the dietary needs of each patient to meet their individual nutritional needs.

Pharmacists

Our licensed pharmacists review previous medications and oversee the medication lists of each patient. They administer medicines and ensure patients receive the correct medicines and dosages.

SERVICES WE OFFER

Based on the diagnosis, we offer a wide variety of treatments to best meet the needs of each patient. This list represents a sample of treatments we offer. Our approach to healing involves numerous other therapies and services.

- Respiratory therapy
- Daily physician rounding
- Radiology and laboratory services
- Ventilator management and weaning
- Total parenteral nutrition (TPN) and nutritional support
- Education for families and patients
- Long-term antibiotic therapy
- Occupational, speech and physical therapy
- Telemetry
- In-room dialysis
- Plan of care after discharge
- Wound management

MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR LONG-TERM ACUTE CARE

Medical Criteria

Admission to a long-term acute care hospital may be considered medically necessary when all of the following criteria are met:

Patient has medical or respiratory complexity that requires daily physician intervention and intensive treatment.

- Complexity of patient's conditions and care needs are too great for placement in a skilled nursing facility (SNF) or multiple SNF denials.
- Availability of multidisciplinary team, including PT, OT, ST, RT.
- RNs are on duty 24 hours/day.

Clinical Needs

Common conditions/services that may be considered medically necessary for LTACH level of care include, but are not limited to:

Complex wound care:

- Daily physician monitoring of wounds.
- Wound requiring frequent complicated dressing changes, and possible repeated debridement of necrotic tissue.
- Large wound with possible delayed closure, draining, and/or tunneling or high output fistulas.
- Lower extremity wound with severe ischemia.
- Skin flaps and grafts requiring frequent monitoring.
- Intravenous anti-infective agent(s) with adjustments in dose.

Infectious disease:

- Intensive sepsis management.
- Common conditions include osteomyelitis, cellulitis, bacteremia, endocarditis, peritonitis, meningitis/encephalitis, abscess and wound infections.

Medical Complexity:

- Primary condition and at least two other actively treated conditions that require monitoring and treatment.
- Common conditions include metabolic disorders, stroke, heart failure, renal insufficiency, necrotizing pancreatitis, emphysema (COPD), peripheral vascular disease, and malignant/end-stage disease.

Rehabilitation:

- Care needs cannot be met in a rehabilitation or skilled nursing facility.
- Patient has a comorbidity requiring acute care.
- Patient is able to participate in a goal-oriented rehabilitation plan of care.
- Common conditions include CNS conditions with functional limitations, debilitation, amputation, cardiac disease, orthopedic surgery.

Mechanical ventilator support:

- Patient has received mechanical ventilation with failed weaning attempts.
- Ventilator management required at least every 4 hours as well as appropriate diagnostic services and assessments.
- Patient exhibits weaning potential, without untreatable and/or progressive lung and/or neurological conditions.
- Respiratory status is stable with maximum PEEP requirement 10cm H₂O, and FiO₂ 60% or less.
- Common conditions include complications of acute lung injury, disorders of the central nervous and neuromuscular systems, and cardiovascular, respiratory, and pleural/chest wall disorders.

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Constant attention, medication and wound care helped me heal during my stay at Advanced Care Hospital. The doctors and nurses maintain a great positive atmosphere in everything they do. The entire staff is friendly and helpful; they are always polite, friendly and highly competent."

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