

## **Hospice Care**

When you or a loved one needs assistance managing a life-limiting illness, Kirby Medical Center provides compassionate care during a difficult time by partnering with area hospice agencies.

Hospice services assist with terminal illnesses, including:

- · Heart failure
- · Parkinson's disease

Stroke

· Alzheimer's disease

Cancer

Our staff of professionals supports the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of our hospice patients and their families. The focus is on comfort and quality instead of a cure and provides a comfortable living environment for a patient's remaining time as part of our personalized care plan.



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# **Inpatient Services**



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At Kirby Medical Center, we're focused on providing the best possible care for our patients in a truly healing environment. If your injury or illness requires admission to our facility, take comfort knowing we will handle your inpatient care with the utmost compassion.

Each inpatient suite is private, spacious and comfortable and designed to make you feel at home, featuring a private bath and family area with a pull-out bed. Patients are provided nutritious and delicious room service dining through our Apple a Day Café.

As a Kirby patient, your comfort, care and safety is our number one priority.

## **Hospitalist Program**

Acute inpatient care is managed by a group of dedicated, specialized physicians called hospitalists. The hospitalists at Kirby Medical Center are board-certified, highly experienced and proficient in managing a full spectrum of serious adult illnesses. Hospitalists are not intended to replace your primary care physician. Rather, hospitalists care for you during your hospital stay at Kirby Medical Center.

Each day during your acute inpatient stay, your hospitalist will visit you to monitor and manage your acute illness and recovery. Your hospitalist will be available to answer any questions you or your family may have and will work with your physician to ensure a seamless transition from inpatient care to outpatient follow up.

When your care team determines you are ready to return home, your hospitalist will arrange for your discharge. Once you have left the hospital, your primary care physician will resume responsibility for your medical care.

## Swing Bed Program (Transitional Care)

If you are on your way to recovery but need a little extra care, the Swing Bed Program at Kirby Medical Center is here for you. Swing Bed, also called transitional or skilled nursing care, is available for patients who are improving after surgery or a medical illness, but are not ready to return home following a hospitalization and need skilled nursing and/or rehabilitative services on a regular basis.

We understand there's no place like home, which is why we want you to feel as comfortable as possible. During your time in the Swing Bed Program, you'll dress in your own clothes, enjoy family visits, access the internet and socialize in your private patient suite.

The Swing Bed Care Team includes nurses, physicians, therapists, dietitians and case managers – all working to help you reach your recovery goals.

## The Swing Bed Program may be the best option for:

- Recovery from an accident, injury, illness or surgery
- Recovery from a planned surgery (e.g., hip replacement, knee replacement, back surgery)
- Reconditioning after a lengthy hospital stay
- Stroke
- Wound care
- Pain management
- Long-term IV therapy

## Services and care may include:

- Education

   (e.g., disease process, use of devices, medication use)
- Nursing care
- Nutritional, occupational or physical therapy
- Therapeutic injections
- Intravenous medication