



Elbert Memorial HOSPITAL

"It's a New Day at EMH!"



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Patients First, Close to Home

APPROVAL FROM STATE AND MEDICARE FOR CRITICAL ACCESS DESIGNATION

Attaining the Critical Access Hospital designation has been a two-year process. In late January, EMH received notification from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services that its application had been approved, and a new hospital license and Medicare billing number were issued. What does that mean for the future of our hospital? It gives EMH the opportunity to increase millions of dollars in additional Medicare reimbursements and a huge boost to the hospital's financial success. Kerry Trapnell, CEO, states EMH will be focusing on swing bed patient revenue. The designation of Critical Access Hospital will increase the per day Medicare reimbursement significantly.



Elbert Memorial Hospital leadership recently joined rural hospital leaders from around the State to participate in HomeTown Health's Annual CEO Day at the Capitol. The EMH team was able to meet with numerous legislators from around the State to discuss rural healthcare.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Please visit the CDC at the link below to learn more about this virus and how to protect yourself and others.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

GEORGIA HEARTSM
HOSPITAL PROGRAM

Helping Enhance Access to Rural Treatment

The Georgia HEART Hospital Program is helping rural and critical access hospitals take advantage of an exciting new opportunity to increase their funding and their ability to provide for the health care needs of thousands of Georgians! Visit www.emhcare.net to learn more!

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2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

2019 brought growth and new services to offer to our community.

Facility Improvements: Our facility updated and completed renovations to the Emergency Department as well as the remodeling and opening of the Clyde & Jean Adams Medical Office Building including new X-ray machine.

New Services: Several new machines and services began such as the installation of the Radiology PACS System, Lab equipment, 80-slice CT Scanner, Telemetry System, Nuclear Medicine equipment, and the new service line for Breast Biopsies. New partnerships include Emergency Room Providers, Southland MD, Radiologist Providers, South Georgia Radiology Associates, Environmental Service Provider, Healthcare Services Group. Our therapy department now includes fulltime In-patient/Swing Bed and outpatient services, staffing fulltime a physical therapist and occupational therapist.

Patient Growth: Our Emergency Department set 6-year record for ER visits along with a 30% increases in Radiology services.

Advancements:
Our new logo and website were launched. The website now offers patients convenient access to online payments, patient portal, information about services, financial information, career opportunities, informative healthcare information and current news and events at EMH.

A \$500,000 donation was given from Foundation and Endowment Donors to the Hospital.

EMH successfully negotiated nearly \$500,000 in debt forgiveness from AnMed Health.



Students of ECCHS speaking to EMH about employment opportunities

EMH in Your Community

Elbert Memorial Hospital participated in ECCHS College and Career Fair. Thank you to the High School staff for hosting this event. Our Director of Radiology, Russell Toms and our Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Nancy Seymour, were able to share with students about job opportunities in health care at their local hospital, the Youth Volunteer Program and Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship opportunities.



Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation Executive Director Nancy Seymour, EMH Foundation Chair Leanne Layne, EMH CEO Kerry Trapnell and Hospital Authority Chairman Daniel Graves



**Cathy Garnett
38 years**

**David Draisen
23 years**

**Thank you for your
many years of service
to our patients!**

We are Growing!

Nuclear Medicine

Nuclear stress tests, the gold standard of cardiac imaging and a prerequisite to many surgeries, are now offered at EMH. Nuclear stress tests are read by **Dr. Paul Johnson of Piedmont Heart**.



Magnetic Reconnaissance Imaging

Elbert Memorial has a **NEW MRI scanner** which will dramatically increase the image quality of musculoskeletal imaging.

Swing Bed Program

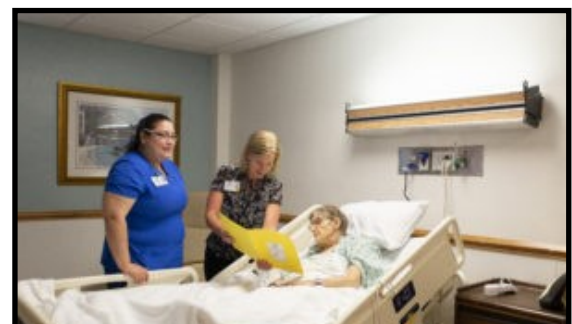
Elbert Memorial Hospital offers our Swing Bed Program to patients who would benefit from skilled care services in order to reach their highest potential for health and independence prior to returning to their home. Swing Bed Services are classified as short-term stay and are provided once acute hospital care is no longer required, but the patient continues to need services that cannot be easily provided in the patient's home. Elbert Memorial Hospital offers this program for patients who require one or more of the following services: skilled physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, IV medication therapy, wound care, or other skilled care services. The skilled nursing team our facility provides includes: the patient and their family, physician, nurses, social services, dietitian, skilled physical therapist and physical therapist assistant, occupational therapist, speech therapist, respiratory therapist, and wound care nurses. We also provide various social activities and we welcome suggestions for activities the patient might enjoy.

If you are interested in learning more about Elbert Memorial Hospital's Swing Bed program, or if you have any question regarding eligibility, please call Sally Turpin at (706) 213-2550



Meet Our Swing Bed Team

L-R: Danielle Pritchett, OT, Brandy Lovelace, PTA, and Brooke Edwards, PT



Sally Turpin, Social Worker, educates patients about their discharge plans from Swing Bed.



Welcome to the TEAM

Cynthia Gray RN, BSN has accepted the position of ADON

Cynthia will oversee ACU/Swing bed, ED, Surgery, Respiratory, and Infection Control.

Cynthia earned her Associate Degree in Nursing from Tri County Technical School in December 2015 and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Brenau University in August 2018. She is currently enrolled in the MSN – FNP program at University of North Georgia.

Prior to accepting this position, she served as Director of Nursing at Hart Care Center. Prior to the Director of Nursing position, Cynthia held positions in ICU, Med-Surg, Endoscopy, ED and Hospice.

Tammy Harlow, CCO, states, "I am confident that Cynthia will be an excellent match for this position and a strong asset to the nursing department."

Appalachian Regional Commission Approves EMH Telemedicine Grant

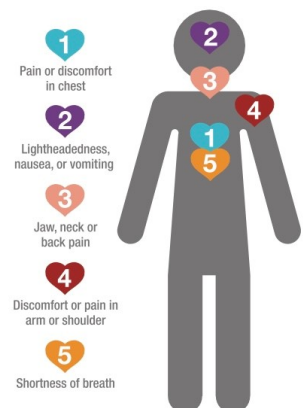
Patient experience is evolving at EMH. This grant supports efforts to significantly improve the quality of healthcare by increasing accessibility to specialty services and efficiency through reducing the need to travel, providing clinical support, overcoming geographic barriers and offering various types of communication devices, and improving patient health outcomes. EMH has chosen four core telemedicine projects to begin their telemedicine program:

- Telehealth units to equip five EMS ambulances to allow real time interaction with the EMH Emergency Department during 911 calls
- Telehealth units to equip the EMH Emergency Department to deliver stroke care and psychiatric services
- Telehealth units to equip the EMH inpatient setting to manage stroke, psychiatric, and nephrology patients admitted to the hospital
- Telehealth units to equip Lake Russell Healthcare Services (located in the Adams Medical Office Building) with mental health services, diabetes management, and maternal fetal medicine.



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Common Heart Attack Warning Signs



Learn more at Heart.org/HeartAttack.



Pam Allen, Auxiliary member, spoke to fellow Auxiliary members about heart disease and how to take care of your heart. Members were asked to wear red in honor of the American Heart Association's national movement to end heart disease and stroke in women.

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WE CELEBRATE OUR DOCTORS

National Doctors' Day is held every year on March 30th. This day celebrates the contribution of physicians who serve our country by caring for its' citizens. Our community is so fortunate to have these physicians!

The Medical Center of Elberton



Dr. Mize

Dr. G Poon

Dr. Crowe

Dr. McAvoy

Dr. J Poon

Dr. Jenkins

Dr. Daniel

Lake Russell Specialty Healthcare Services



Dr. Fernandez

Dr. Babcock

UPDATE FROM YOUR CEO

2019 was a scary but exciting time in the life of EMH. We saw so many improvements in equipment, services, and providers at the hospital. Our Team at EMH continues to grow closer together and stronger. As 2020 began, we achieved our greatest goal so far...becoming a Critical Access Hospital! It was a task that many people thought would never happen. So, if you thought 2019 was exciting, wait until you see how 2020 goes! I personally want to thank each and every one of you for being a part of the EMH Family. It is truly a new day at EMH!

Kerry Trapnell, CEO



Contact Us

Please call us if you have any question regarding services or eligibility

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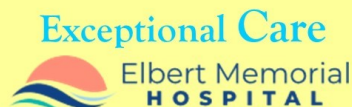
www.emhcare.net

Be sure to follow us on social media for all news and events!



EOE Employer - Drug-Free Workplace

Exceptional People...



Join our EMH Team!

Elbert Memorial Hospital is a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital in Elberton, Georgia, looking for caring, committed professionals!

We offer competitive pay plus benefits including health insurance, life insurance, short and long term disability as well as PTO!

PART TIME/PRN POSITIONS

RNs for:
Acute Care
Emergency Department
Surgery

Paramedic
Respiratory Therapist
Scrub Techs
CNA
Medical Technologist

FULL TIME POSITIONS

RNs - Acute Care & ED
Case Management
Medical Technologist
Radiologic Technologist
CNA

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Human Resources Director
Elbert Memorial Hospital
4 Medical Drive
Elberton, GA 30635

We're now on
Instagram



Find us on
Facebook



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March 16, 2020 (12:00 noon)

With confirmed COVID-19 cases now in nearby Athens and new guidance from federal, state and local officials, Elbert Memorial Hospital is revising our operations and visitation guidelines for the next two weeks. The changes are as follows:

Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, only ONE entrance to the hospital will be open to the public. ALL visitors, patients, medical staff and hospital staff must enter the hospital through the Emergency Room entrance on Medical Drive.

Before entering the hospital, everyone will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms and asked to answer a few questions. Should you exhibit these symptoms, you may not be allowed to enter the hospital and asked to seek proper medical attention. Each visitor will have to check in and check out through the Emergency Room entrance.

Visitation hours to the hospital are also temporarily changing. **Patients can only receive visitors between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 pm, after being screened in the Emergency Room.**

OTHER TEMPORARY CHANGES:

All elective surgeries are being postponed for the next two weeks. Other elective services such as Mammography are also postponed during this time.

Our Wellness Center is also being closed to the public for the next two weeks.

All volunteers and students are cancelled for the next two weeks.

The Hospital Cafeteria will remain closed to the public for the next two weeks.

Should there be a case of COVID-19 in our community, we will continue to work closely with local healthcare providers and the Department of Public Health in caring for any such patients. In this case, EMH may adjust visitation guidelines again. EMH is ready to take care of our community.

We all want a safe and healthy community. We appreciate your support in helping us keep our patients and your own health at the center of everything we do at EMH.



Kerry Trappnell, CEO

THE PRESIDENT'S CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES FOR AMERICA

15 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD

Listen to and follow the directions of your **STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**.

IF YOU FEEL SICK, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON, stay home and away from other people.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.



For more information, please visit
CORONAVIRUS.GOV

THE PRESIDENT'S CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES FOR AMERICA

DO YOUR PART TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Work or engage in schooling **FROM HOME** whenever possible.

IF YOU WORK IN A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRY, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.

AVOID SOCIAL GATHERINGS in groups of more than 10 people.

Avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts — **USE DRIVE-THRU, PICKUP, OR DELIVERY OPTIONS.**

AVOID DISCRETIONARY TRAVEL, shopping trips, and social visits.

DO NOT VISIT nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE:

- Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

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School operations can accelerate the spread of the coronavirus. Governors of states with evidence of community transmission should close schools in affected and surrounding areas. Governors should close schools in communities that are near areas of community transmission, even if those areas are in neighboring states. In addition, state and local officials should close schools where coronavirus has been identified in the population associated with the school. States and localities that close schools need to address childcare needs of critical responders, as well as the nutritional needs of children.

Older people are particularly at risk from the coronavirus. All states should follow Federal guidance and halt social visits to nursing homes and retirement and long-term care facilities.

In states with evidence of community transmission, bars, restaurants, food courts, gyms, and other indoor and outdoor venues where groups of people congregate should be closed.