

Our Swing Bed Program is a transition between patients' acute hospital care and their discharge to home or a long-term care facility

Examples are

- Recovery from major surgery, joint replacement, vascular or abdominal procedures
- Repeated hospitalization
- Recovery after a major accident or stroke
- Pain management
- Wounds that may require special attention or increased healing time
- IV therapy
- Physical, occupational and speech therapy after a prolonged illness

"I chose to take advantage of the Swing Bed program. I cannot begin to tell you how wonderful my OT & PT therapists were. Had I gone home immediately following surgery, I would not have progressed as I did with the intensive therapy at the hospital. This program is a valuable service to the community and patients."



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Swing Beds

your step between hospital and home



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What is a “swing” bed?

A swing bed is a transition from an acute hospital stay to a skilled rehab program that continues to offer skilled nursing and therapy services.

Patients remain in the same room and continue to receive care by the skilled medical staff.

Why am I being changed to a swing bed? How will this benefit me? How long will I stay?

The swing bed program will provide patients with extra time to heal or strengthen before returning home.

Staff will set short-term therapeutic goals designed to improve your health and independence. To help you achieve your goals, our physicians, nurses and therapists provide a wide range of services, which may include:



- Gaining muscle strength, endurance and improved mobility through physical and occupational therapy



- Training and education to avoid pain and fatigue while performing tasks

- Assessing patients’ needs for special assistive devices
- Providing a unique and individualized therapy plan
- Teaching patients breathing techniques and exercises to promote optimal breathing
- Assisting patients with interpreting and remembering written and spoken statements, and expressing thoughts through speaking, writing and facial expressions
- Promoting safe swallowing
- Providing nutritional support and education

What happens once I am in the swing bed program?

1. If a patient’s condition permits, they will be encouraged to get dressed and help with activities of daily living, including participation in physical and occupational therapy (be sure to have your shoes!)



2. Activities will be offered to help patients socialize and pass the time. Feel free to ask our nursing staff if you have any special requests. Friends and relatives are welcome to visit.

3. Your physician or the hospitalist may not visit every day, but is readily available to assist you and the hospital staff.



4. The hospital follows Medicare guidelines for swing bed patients. Patients will be given a 48-hour notice prior to discharge from a swing bed, stating that Medicare coverage will be ending.
5. Home safety checks are available prior to discharge if the patient and therapists see a potential need for home modifications and/or increased assistance at home. The check consists of the patient, a family member and a therapist moving about the home to ensure ease of mobility and accessibility of most-used areas of the home.
6. The Swing Bed Team meets weekly to discuss patients’ progress and home-going needs. Patients and family members are encouraged to attend the meetings and discuss any needs or concerns.

What if I become acutely ill?

You have instant access to hospital services since you’re right here, and you will be re-admitted as an acute hospital patient.

What are the financial obligations?

Depending on patient’s insurance coverage, benefits may vary from patient to patient. Please feel free to ask questions or further discuss your plan with a member from our swing bed team.