

SKILLED CARE

Health, Happiness, Home

Our Swing Bed Program combines healthcare experience, expanded medical resources and compassionate care to treat our patients.

Our patients feel at home as we help them get ready to return home.



WHAT IS SKILLED CARE?

Skilled care/swing bed services serve as a stepping stone for patients who are not quite ready to return to their homes or facilities due to a change in their daily healthcare needs. Through treatment, observation and education, skilled care helps improve or maintain patient conditions. After receiving skilled care, patients can function more independently. Many short-term skilled services are covered by Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans.

ST. JAMES PARISH HOSPITAL SKILLED CARE PROGRAM

St. James Parish Hospital provides care for patients who require daily skilled services. Our patients have direct access to all of our medical departments. Our team is staffed by experienced physicians, RNs, LPNs, CNAs, PTs,

OTs, STs, pharmacists, and a Nurse Practitioner. We work together to achieve each patient's specific healthcare goal through compassionate, competent care while doing our best to make their stay as pleasant, comfortable and close to home as possible.

Our **Hospitalist** and Nurse **Practitioner** make to assess skilled



For a complete list of the Skilled Services we provide, call **225.258.5936**.

BENEFITS OF SKILLED CARE AT ST. JAMES PARISH HOSPITAL

- We are a certified Skilled Facility with high patient satisfaction scores
- A licensed Physician and/or Nurse Practitioner round regularly.
- We include patient families in each patient's plan of care during weekly team meetings.
- A Charge Nurse is available 24/7 to ensure quality care.
- Our patients have access to several specialty departments and an ER that is staffed 24/7.
- We are equipped for in-house MRIs, X-Rays, CT Scans, Ultrasounds and more.
- Specialists are available for consultation if conditions deem necessary.
- In addition to skilled care, patients are assisted with daily activities such as bathing and dressing.
- We help patients feel at home by giving them the option to wear house-clothes and bring personal belongings.
- Patients are encouraged to bring activities from home such as crafts, games, puzzles, books, and electronic devices.
- Family and friends can visit daily until 9 p.m.

We **encourage**family **involvement**and invite families to
attend weekly care
team meetings.

SUMMARY OF SKILLED SERVICES

- Surgery and Cardiology Support available
- In-House Therapy (Physical, Occupational and Speech)
- In-House Lab, Respiratory, Radiology and Nutrition Departments
- Wound Care/Wound Vacs
- · Wound Debridement
- Diabetes Management
- IV Antibiotics (No cost-based limitations)
- IV Hydration/TPN (Total Parental Nutrition)
- · Intravenous Injections
- · Tracheotomy Care
- PEG/NG Tube feeding
- Oxygen Weaning Nebulizers

 Daily/Twice Daily Treatments - Up to 2 hours (Ex: Hip/Knee Replacement)

We give you the **peace** of mind that if **emergency care** is needed, it's steps away **24** hours a day, **7** days a week.



CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

- Medicare Part A and Medicare Advantage Plans (Ex: Humana Gold, Peoples Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield, United Healthcare)
- Three Consecutive Inpatient Midnights in a Hospital in a 30-Day Period (Medicare)
- Advantage Plans <u>Do Not</u> Require an Inpatient Hospital Stay
- Services Must Be Ordered by a Physician
- Reasonable and Necessary Services
- Services Performed Daily (Monday– Saturday with a day of rest on Sunday)

MEDICARE COVERAGE

Days	Medicare Pays*	You Pay
1-20	Full Cost	Nothing
21-100*	All but daily copay	Daily copay*

(Advantage Plans Have Varying Copays)

- Stays are qualified on a weekto-week basis as approved by insurance.
- * Daily copay may be covered by secondary insurance
- * Medicare coverage can change without notice



We work **closely** with transferring facilities to **ensure** patients **effectively** meet Medicare criteria.

OUR GOALS

- To provide an alternate type of care for patients who need skilled care prior to being discharged to their home or nursing home
- To provide services that maximize wellness and deter progression of illness whenever possible
- To create a comfortable close-to-home environment welcoming to patients and families
- To offer activities and options that make patients feel entertained and comfortable throughout their stay

To provide compassionate, competent care to all patients

We Welcome Referrals

Call **225.258.5936** to speak directly to a Case Manager.



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