

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital Continues Commitment to Community



Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital has completed a four-year modernization project, ensuring that care delivery remains outstanding and attuned to the community's evolving needs. The renovation and expansion has improved the patient care experience by enhancing privacy, promoting innovation and increasing efficiency.

"Improving the patient care experience is our goal," said Karen Lambert, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital president. "This design enhances patient access and creates a more streamlined flow."

The project added 230,000 square feet and renovated 150,000 square feet. Among the major improvements are four new inpatient units, including an expanded 18-bed medical intensive care unit and three medical/surgical units. All of the hospital's 176 inpatient rooms now are private, and all new inpatient rooms are equipped with smart room technology.

The work included 14 new and renovated operating rooms and four new rooms for cardiac catheterization, electrophysiology, and interventional radiology, providing increased capacity and state-of-the-art equipment. The project added private rooms for patients prior to and after procedures and an expanded area and amenities for family waiting.

Other new and modernized areas include consult space for patients with chronic illness,

such as congestive heart failure and diabetes; a centralized testing area offering easy access to diagnostic exams; a new breast care center with expanded capacity; new physical rehabilitation and cardio-pulmonary rehabilitation departments; and an expanded endoscopy area. The modernization also improves energy efficiency and includes green roofs to provide energy-conserving insulation and to absorb rainwater.

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital is part of Advocate Health Care, the largest health system in Illinois and one of the largest health care providers in the Midwest.



Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital is a leader in delivering the most advanced technologies and comprehensive health care services available in the northwest suburbs. Awards include:

- Magnet designation for excellence in nursing services by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Magnet Recognition Program. This is the highest award a hospital can receive for outstanding quality and excellence in nursing care.
- Ranked by "U.S. News & World Report" among the top 20 hospitals in the Chicago metro area. Recognized as high performing in the following common adult procedures: Heart Failure, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Hip Replacement, and Knee Replacement.
- Recipient of the Healthgrades Patient Safety Excellence Award, which recognizes hospitals in the top 10 percent in the nation for patient safety.
- American Heart Association/American Stroke Association Get with the Guidelines Platinum Award; Get with the Guidelines Stroke Gold Plus Achievement Award; Mission: Lifeline Silver STEMI Level Recognition Award.
- Emergency Nurses Association Lantern Award, which recognizes emergency departments that demonstrate exceptional and innovative performance in leadership, practice, education, advocacy and research.
- Recognized by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Distinction Specialty Care program for expertise and efficiency in delivering specialty care in the following areas: Cardiac Care, Knee and Hip Replacement, Maternity Care, and Spine Surgery.
- Practice Greenhealth's TOP 25 Environmental Excellence Award, which recognizes the 25 health care facilities in the country that exemplify the best in environmental excellence and the highest standards for environmental practices.