

OCEAN BEACH HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

Our professional and friendly registrars provide support to you in acquiring outpatient services such as emergency, laboratory, and radiology services (including CT scans, MRIs, mammograms, nuclear medicine, and bone density evaluations); short-stay surgery and surgery; respiratory therapy; medicine administrations; preoperative care; EKGs; observation; and inpatient admissions.

Patients admitted to Ocean Beach Hospital's 25 as critical access will have a hospital stay an average of 96 hours and demonstrate a low likelihood of reusing emergent surgery or complex intensive care.

Admission as an inpatient is guided by established admission criteria of medical diagnosis, severity of illness, availability of beds, preference of the attending provider and level of nursing care required.

Placement of patients within the hospital will be the responsibility of the Charge Nurse. Patients will be assigned rooms appropriate to their diagnosis, sex, age and need for close observation. Patient admissions which create difficult or problem room assignment situations will be addressed using a collaborative problem solving approach.

Patients requiring short-term care, where admission as an inpatient is not required, may be admitted to observation status under the 25 bed limit. Criteria for observation are patients whose condition warrants a period of observation to determine if hospitalization is needed. Interqual criteria, used by the Utilization Review Department, is the official reference for determining patient status. Observation stays should normally not exceed two midnights from the time of arrival to facility.

All patients receive a copy of "Your Rights as a Patient" upon admission by the Admitting personnel.

Ocean Beach Hospital is required by law to make services available to all people in the community. Ocean Beach Hospital will not discriminate against a patient nor visitor based on age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture, language, physical or mental disability, socioeconomic status, sex, sexual orientation and gender identity or because a patient is covered by a program such as Medicare or Medicaid. Ocean Beach Hospital provides emergency services and does not deny care to any person who needs the emergency services but cannot pay.