



POST ACUTE OUTCOMES FOR SHEPHERD PATHWAYS

Shepherd Center’s Day Program and Residential program are housed at the Shepherd Pathways facility in nearby Decatur, Ga. Based on an individual’s needs following inpatient rehabilitation, patients are able to continue their care through Shepherd Center’s Day Program, Residential Program and Outpatient Services.

FUNCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT AND ASSESSMENT

Shepherd Pathways continues to measure a number of factors throughout a patient’s continuum of care, including improvements in function, called a Functional Assessment Measure (FIM & FAM), which measures 31 skill levels that are important for a patient’s community integration, such as transferring to a car or dealing with the emotional adjustment.

Patients who undergo rehabilitation at Shepherd Pathways typically experience a 33-point increase in functional gains between the point of admission to Shepherd and the point of discharge.

Functional Gains

Patient Score at Pathways Admission = 136

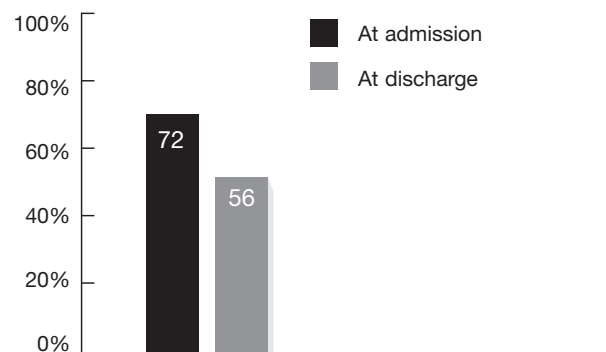
Patient Score at Pathways Discharge = 169

LEVEL OF SUPERVISION

Another measure of quality is the percentage of patients needing supervision. The comprehensive rehabilitation program at Shepherd Pathways helps patients increase their ability to become more independent, thus decreasing the amount of supervision needed by their families. Generally, the more independently patients can function, the more time families can devote to leisure activities, careers and other interests.

At the point of admission to Shepherd Pathways, 72 percent of patients require full-time supervision by a family member. At discharge, after undergoing our comprehensive rehabilitation program, only 56 percent of patients require full-time supervision.

Percentage of patients requiring full-time supervision*



*Using the Supervised Rating Scale (SRS)

LENGTH OF STAY

Length of Stay

Day Program = 4-6 weeks

Residential Program = 3-6 months

PATIENT SATISFACTION

Patient-focused research is our best indicator of the human experience; the sum total of a patient's experience at Shepherd Center given the inevitable highs and lows of rehabilitation from catastrophic injury or life-changing disease. Assessing and refining our services is the goal of the patient satisfaction survey.

Patient Satisfaction

Shepherd Pathways patient satisfactions scores:

Satisfaction with overall Program	91%
Would Recommend Shepherd Pathways	92%

RETURN TO WORK/SCHOOL

Shepherd Pathways admits patients age 15-65 who have experienced a traumatic brain injury, non traumatic brain injury or stroke. More than 250 patients were admitted in 2005. Within one year, 26 percent of those patients returned to work and 16 percent returned to school. The national average for patients returning to school is 15 percent.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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