Location

Shepherd Center is located five miles north of downtown Atlanta in the Buckhead community. Shepherd Center is approximately 30 minutes from Atlanta’s Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and accessible by public transportation.

For directions, visit shepherd.org/location.

Support Shepherd Center

As a not-for-profit hospital, Shepherd Center relies on philanthropic support from individuals, families, corporations and foundations.

Donations help fund patient care programs, patient equipment, family housing, special and capital projects, technology and educational programs. To learn how you can contribute in a variety of ways, visit the Shepherd Center Foundation at shepherd.org/foundation.
Shepherd Center, located in Atlanta, Georgia, is a private, not-for-profit hospital specializing in medical treatment, research and rehabilitation for people with spinal cord injury, brain injury, stroke, multiple sclerosis, spine and chronic pain, and other neuromuscular conditions. U.S. News & World Report ranks Shepherd Center among the top 10 rehabilitation hospitals in the nation.

More than 500 U.S. hospitals refer their patients to us. They know Shepherd Center provides excellent care that is the rehabilitation equivalent to Level I trauma centers in terms of treating the most complex injuries.

Patients and their families come to Shepherd Center from around the nation, and even the world, to receive specialized rehabilitation care.

Why Choose Shepherd Center?

Here are some reasons patients and their families choose Shepherd Center:

- Our medical and functional outcomes exceed national averages among rehabilitation patients.
- Because we are a specialized, rather than a general, rehabilitation facility, we treat a younger patient population facing a complex set of medical issues.
- Our staff’s specialization in treating spinal cord and brain injury, including stroke, has enabled staff members to develop higher levels of expertise and achieve better results for those we serve.
- Shepherd Center offers a comprehensive continuum of care – from evaluation, intensive care and medical treatment to rehabilitation, post-acute and outpatient care, and lifelong support programs.
- Our length of stay allows time for patients to have a rehabilitation experience that brings healing and hope.
- An interdisciplinary team of rehabilitation professionals designs a tailored, state-of-the-art treatment plan for each patient.
- Patients have the opportunity to participate in research and undergo treatments that gain insight from ongoing, clinic-based research.
- Treatment plans incorporate the use of a wide array of advanced therapeutic and assistive technologies.
- Intensive, activity-based therapies promote recovery, restoration and lifelong wellness.
- Our comprehensive care includes a focus on family and patient education and training.
- Because family support is essential to patients, Shepherd Center provides up to 30 days of housing to families of newly injured rehabilitation patients if both the patient and family live more than 60 miles from the hospital.
- Peer supporters with similar injuries offer a wealth of information and experience to patients and families.
- Shepherd Center offers extensive recreation therapy and adaptive sports programs.
- Shepherd Center staff members assist with the transition back to home, work and school, and serve as ambassadors to help patients navigate their journey over a lifetime.

How to Make a Referral

Referrals to Shepherd Center can be made by a physician, hospital discharge planner or social worker, insurance company or worker’s compensation case manager, or a patient’s family member.

Our staff of access case managers can begin the admission process anywhere in the United States within 24 hours of referral. We offer this service free of charge and often serve as the referring facility’s primary educator and resource for family members.

Patients can be admitted from an acute-care hospital (including ICU-to-ICU transfer), sub-acute care, LTACH facility, nursing home or from the person’s home (following an evaluation in our outpatient clinic).

Contact our Admissions Department

**By Phone or Fax:** Call 1-800-SHEPHERD (800-743-7437) or 404-350-7345, or fax 404-603-4504 (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday).

**By Email:** Email Admissions at admissions@shepherd.org

**Online:** Submit a referral via our online form at shepherd.org/refer-a-patient