

fact sheet

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Shepherd Center

SHEPHERD CENTER

Shepherd Center is a private, not-for-profit, hospital located in Atlanta, Georgia. Founded in 1975, Shepherd Center specializes in medical treatment, research and rehabilitation for people with spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, stroke, multiple sclerosis, spine and pain, and other neuromuscular conditions. Shepherd Center is ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* among the top 10 rehabilitation hospitals in the nation.

OUR STAFF AND FACILITY

- Our main campus is located at 2020 Peachtree Road in the Buckhead community, about four miles north of downtown Atlanta.
- The facility has 152 beds, including a 10-bed intensive care unit.
- Shepherd Center employs more than 1,735 full- and part-time employees.
- Outpatient facilities house spinal cord and brain injury day programs, a multiple sclerosis institute, a spine and pain institute, assistive technology services and multiple specialty clinics, including the Wound Care Clinic, Upper Extremity Clinic, Urology Clinic and the Complex Concussion Clinic.
- Shepherd Center has a fitness center, indoor pool, gymnasium, weight room, track and art studio.
- Shepherd Center is one of 14 Model System of Care facilities for spinal cord injury.

PATIENT DATA

- In 2018, Shepherd Center had 935 admissions to its inpatient programs.
- In 2018, Shepherd Center had 541 admissions to its day programs.
- In 2018, more than 7,300 people were seen on an outpatient basis in more than 54,600 visits.

PATIENT PROGRAMS

- Intensive Care Unit
- Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Program
- Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program
- Stroke Rehabilitation Program
- Disorders of Consciousness Program
- SHARE Military Initiative
- Complex Concussion Clinic
- Multiple Sclerosis Institute
- Shepherd Spine and Pain Institute
- Skin Program
- Locomotor Training Program

OUTPATIENT CLINICS

- Wound Clinic
- Multi-Specialty Clinic
- Urology Clinic
- Upper Extremity Clinic

OTHER SPECIALTY SERVICES

- Assistive Technology – Offers assistive and technological devices and support to help patients return to their daily activities
- Specialized Seating Clinic – Helps people make decisions about seating and mobility devices that best address their needs
- Neuropsychological and Psychological Services – Provides support to address emotional, cognitive and behavioral issues that can accompany catastrophic injuries/illnesses
- Vocational Counseling – Provides support and resources for patients who are returning to work and/or school
- Recreation Therapy – Helps people with disabilities maintain an active lifestyle through adaptive sports

and leisure activities, including art, music, outdoor activities and more

- Beyond Therapy® – Helps people improve lifelong health, minimize secondary complications and get the most benefit out of any new neural links to their muscles through a rigorous, activity-based therapy program.
- Peer Support – Helps boost confidence, ease the transition home and lower hospital readmissions.
- Family Support – Provides intensive and comprehensive family and patient education and training
- Transition Support – Provides an average of eight weeks of follow-up support to patients and families to prevent rehospitalization, improve health and safety outcomes, and promote patient and family autonomy once the patient is discharged from Shepherd Center

POINTS OF DISTINCTION

- Shepherd Center is ranked as one of the top 10 rehabilitation hospitals in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.
- Shepherd Center is the largest specialized care hospital of its kind in the United States.
- It is the only rehabilitation facility with an ICU and acute medical components on site.
- Shepherd Center offers specialized rehabilitation programs for adolescents, patients on ventilators, and patients with dual diagnoses and neuromuscular diseases.
- Patient outcomes, such as return-to-home and return-to-work rates, are among the best in the nation.
- Shepherd Center is family-focused given its unique history and link to the Shepherd family.
- Shepherd Center provides a friendly, optimistic environment that conveys a sense of hope to patients, families and visitors.
- Shepherd Center maintains a key role in existing and emerging spinal cord, brain injury and multiple sclerosis research.

- Shepherd Center provides up to 30 days of free housing to families of newly injured rehabilitation patients, if both the family and patient live more than 60 miles from the hospital. Complimentary housing is also available for up to eight weeks for patients and families in Shepherd Center's Day Programs if both the family and patient live more than 60 miles from the hospital.
- Shepherd Center was ranked No. 10 among the 56 Georgia employers recognized in *Forbes'* inaugural list of America's Best-in-State Employers for 2019.
- The *Atlanta Business Chronicle* ranked Shepherd Center among the top five on its list of the Best Places to Work in the extra-large company category in 2017 and 2018.

CONTACT US

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