

Immanuel Rehabilitation Center Earns Quality Seal of Approval for Brain Injury, Stroke & Spinal Cord Care

Omaha, Neb. *Alegent Health Immanuel Rehabilitation Center continues to set the standard in providing patients the highest quality of care possible in both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation. But now the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) has also granted the rehab center accreditation in the specialized programs of stroke, brain and spinal cord injury. Facilities with CARF-accreditation including the Alegent Health Immanuel Rehabilitation Center have met stringent national and international standards for quality and demonstrate a continual commitment to building upon and improving the services already in place for the benefit of each patient.

The Alegent Health Immanuel Rehabilitation Center has received CARF-accreditation for more than two decades, but our accreditation in the specialized programs of stroke, brain and spinal cord injuries goes one step further in providing world-class care to our patients, said Jill Powers, operations leader of Rehabilitation Services for Alegent Health. This designation signifies the rehab center uses the latest, state-of-the-art equipment, people and support throughout their stay and long after they're back at home, helping each patient achieve his or her highest level of function possible.*

The Alegent Health Immanuel Rehabilitation Center has received three-year CARF-accreditations for the following specialized programs including: stroke, adult and child brain injury and adult and child spinal cord systems of care. The rehab center decided to seek the designation to verify their physicians, nurses and therapy staff were providing quality, cutting-edge techniques and services for patients and their families in need of rehabilitation services. CARF professionals recently spent two days at the rehab center conducting an on-site survey, meeting with patients and consulting with staff members.

The Alegent Health Rehabilitation Center utilizes a team approach based on communication, cooperation and interaction to provide individualized treatment plans for patients in their care. Family members are an essential component of the patient's rehabilitation program and therefore, can be instrumental in their progress. For stroke patients, a CARF-accredited facility ensures continual medical supervision by board certified Physiatrists and Rehabilitation Registered Nurses, three hours of intense therapy each day in the areas of physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapy. Each stroke patient receives a Stroke Recovery Book written by one of the physicians, information on stroke support groups and intense education to address such impairments and complications caused by stroke, including neurogenic bowel and bladder problems, nutrition and swallowing difficulties, communication techniques, skin care, aging and mobility issues. Using such technologies as the only aquatic therapy pool of its kind in the nation to a custom-fit wrist hand device that uses electricity to facilitate strength, mobility and independence through advanced technology, the rehab center continues on its pursuit of world-class health care.

The Alegent Health Immanuel Rehabilitation Center provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient programs for persons requiring rehabilitation. The programs offer ongoing support to people, providing a smooth transition to home, work or school and promoting independence. The Alegent Health Rehabilitation Center is the most preferred provider of comprehensive rehabilitation services in the region. A team of skilled rehab professionals are available at every level of care*from inpatient hospitalization to acute rehabilitation to senior health and outpatient therapy*our team of professionals remain focused on high standards of care, achieving positive patient outcomes and patient satisfaction.

CARF, founded in 1966, is highly recognized as a private, not-for-profit organization that promotes quality rehabilitation services by establishing standards of quality for organizations to use as guidelines in development and offering their programs or services to consumers. Presently, there are more than five thousand organizations that go through CARF review and each year, more than five million people receive services in CARF-accredited organizations.

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