



Wesley Woods Geriatric Hospital

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In continuation of our commitment to the health and well-being of our community members, Emory Healthcare and Wesley Woods Geriatric Hospital conducted a Community Health Needs Assessment. The report assessed the needs of the community served by Wesley Woods Geriatric Hospital using quantitative data and input from individuals representing the broad interest of the community. Using this report, Wesley Woods Geriatric Hospital identified two primary health needs of our community:

- Improve access to care in the community and collaborate with community partners to lessen the barriers to obtaining care including the shortage of health professionals, costs of care to the patient, transportation, insurance, health disparities, and other factors
- Expand community awareness of healthy behaviors and available resources/care settings through education and community based programs and increase the focus on preventative care and disease management for chronic conditions in the community to reduce health disparities and improve the health of the community

Wesley Woods Geriatric Hospital developed the strategies below to outline how we plan to address the identified health needs of the community we serve. Through these strategies, Wesley Woods Geriatric Hospital strives to improve the overall health of our community, while delivering the best possible care to our patients.

Priority	Access to Care & Community Collaboration
Strategy Statement:	Improve access to care in the community and collaborate with community partners to lessen the barriers to obtaining care
Major Actions	Sub-Action
Shortage of healthcare professionals	Identify and on-board psychiatrists who are willing to actively follow patients in both inpatient and outpatient settings
	Partner with local academic institutions and offer internships/ educational programs (i.e. Nursing, Social Work, etc.) to their students to increase the potential of hiring graduates into the Wesley Woods workforce
Managing the cost of care	Reduce hospital and skilled nursing facility readmissions by identifying reasons for readmission and developing action plans to address identified causes

	Collaborate with post acute care providers to ensure patients have access to services after discharge
Healthcare for mental health population	Provide direct mental health services in residential communities, including skilled nursing and assisted living facilities
	In collaboration with Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth provide mental health care to patients in underserved, rural areas
Healthcare for uninsured	In collaboration with Emory Hospitals and community partners, provide clinically necessary care to uninsured individuals in the least restrictive environment
	Collaborate with post acute care providers to ensure patients have access to services after discharge

Priority	Community Awareness & Education
Strategy Statement:	Expand community awareness of healthy behaviors and available resources/care settings through education and community based programs and increase the focus on preventative care and disease management for chronic conditions in the community to reduce health disparities and improve the health of the community
Major Actions	Sub-Actions
Dementia Care	Conduct a Dementia Care Workshop for caregivers and staff to highlight the foundations of dementia care and co-morbidities of dementia and mental illness amongst patients and families
Caregiver Support Group	Conduct a monthly caregiver support group for patients, caregivers, and staff with focus on managing life transitions and/or being a caregiver for an older adult. This program will be free of charge to participants
SPARC (Sickness Prevention Achieved through Regional Collaboration)	In collaboration with the Atlanta Regional Commission, provide preventative health care services at locations easily accessible to older adults
Smoking Cessation	Provide community education regarding the importance of smoking cessation and offer potential resources to support cessation
Diabetic Education	Conduct a foot and nail care seminar with the goal of educating individuals on proper foot and nail care for diabetic patients
	Nutritional support will conduct a seminar on healthy eating habits