

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Nursing

The nurses on the acute comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation unit (ACIR) are proud of the unique setting of warmth and accessibility the unit provides. This specially designed 14-bed unit opened in the spring of 1998. Since that time, ACIR has been dedicated to providing superb rehabilitation nursing to a variety of patients with the goal of increasing their independence and function. Johns Hopkins rehabilitation nurses have met the highest standards for a rehabilitation unit by attaining CARF accreditation.

Department Features

- Nurses are an integral and active part of an interdisciplinary team that includes physiatry, speech-language pathology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, neuropsychology, medical social work, nutrition, chaplain and therapeutic recreation.
- The patient population includes patients from throughout the hospital. Our patients include those with stroke; orthopedics; trauma or oncologic diagnoses; solid organ transplants; bone marrow transplants; lung transplants; and spinal-cord or medically complex conditions. The spinal-cord and brain-injury patients usually have an oncology basis for their diagnosis.
- Facilities include user-friendly, up-to-date equipment including a bladder scanner, special shower equipment, an accessible tub room, a dining room, a family room, an equipment room and a gym.



Our rehabilitation nurses work closely with patients to increase their independence and function.

The family room is where patients and families can spend time together. The dining room hosts lunch daily. Therapy is done seven days a week. The therapy gym is located on the same floor as the unit, allowing many of the patients to take themselves to therapy.

- Nursing staff promotes patient advocacy, knowledge, participation, increased cognition, independence and empowerment. Most of our patients return home.

Nursing Philosophy

We are committed to improving the lives of our patients, promoting the education and training of our nursing staff in rehabilitation concepts, and supporting innovative ways of delivering care.

Rehabilitation nursing is based on the philosophy that every individual, regardless of illness or disability, has the potential for a productive, dignified and personally meaningful life.

We welcome all nurses with an interest in rehabilitation, including new graduates and LPNs.

Rehabilitation nurses pride themselves on competent, compassionate, patient-centered care, promoting advocacy and independence in themselves and in their patients. Nurses work in collaboration with the interdisciplinary team, carrying on the goals of the patient and team 24/7. We have an all-nurses staff comprised of RNs and LPNs.

A shared-governance model exists to provide the opportunity to participate in the operation of the unit. Nurses self-schedule with flexible eight- or 12-hour shifts.

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