



ADMISSION

Admission to the Saint Vincent Geriatric Behavioral Health Unit is determined by a mental health assessment, which identifies individual needs.

A caring professional associate facilitates the assessment and provides emotional support during the immediate behavioral health crisis.

Referrals for geriatric behavioral health assessments may be made by nursing home staff, primary care physicians, GECAC representatives, family members, home health agencies, crisis services, personal care homes and other community agencies.

Confidentiality is maintained throughout assessment and treatment. Discharge information is provided to outpatient providers within federal privacy guidelines.

The Saint Vincent Mission

Inspired by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, Saint Vincent Health System is a community of caregivers dedicated to bringing God's healing love to all and committed to compassion and excellence in the delivery of a continuum of holistic care.



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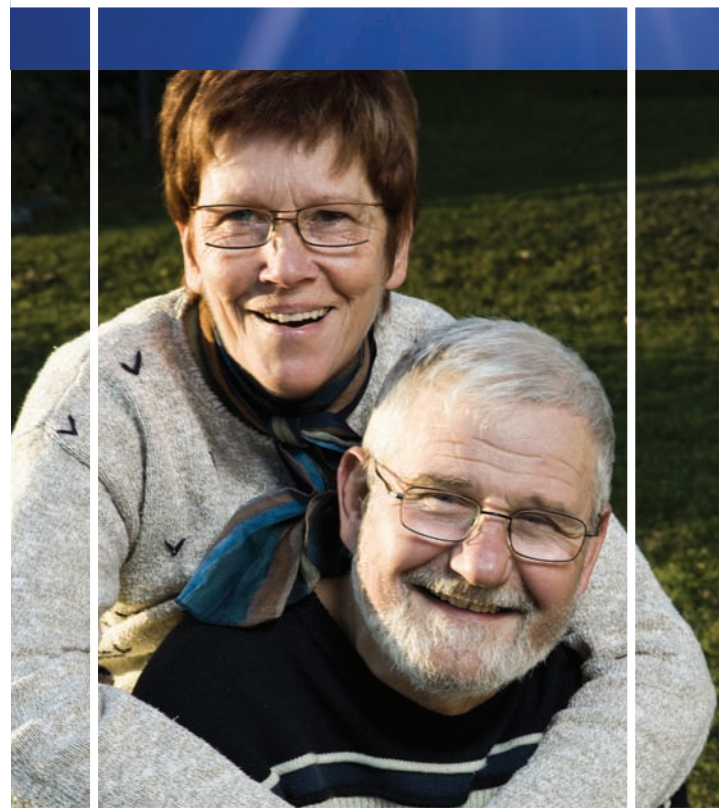
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Geriatric Behavioral Services



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SAINT VINCENT HEALTH CENTER GERIATRIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

The behavioral health needs of older adults are different from those of younger individuals. Declining physical abilities, life changes, grief and loneliness can all be part of behavioral health problems in the aging.

As the elderly population continues to increase so does the need for behavioral health services that are appropriate for this age group.

To meet these unique needs, Saint Vincent Health Center offers a separate Geriatric Behavioral Health Unit especially designed for individuals 65 and older.

The Saint Vincent Geriatric Behavioral Health Unit is accessible through a variety of referrals, including family members and medical and social service professionals.

The caring multi-disciplinary staff offers a variety of therapeutic interventions in both individual and group settings.

Treatment is tailored to meet the specific needs of each patient. Treatment plans are based on the input of family members and outpatient providers, such as the family doctor, and family members are an integral part of the therapeutic process.

Follow-up care is arranged before discharge to assure continuity of services.

All patients are treated with dignity and respect by the professional staff.

TREATMENT GOALS

To assist each patient in achieving an optimal level of functioning

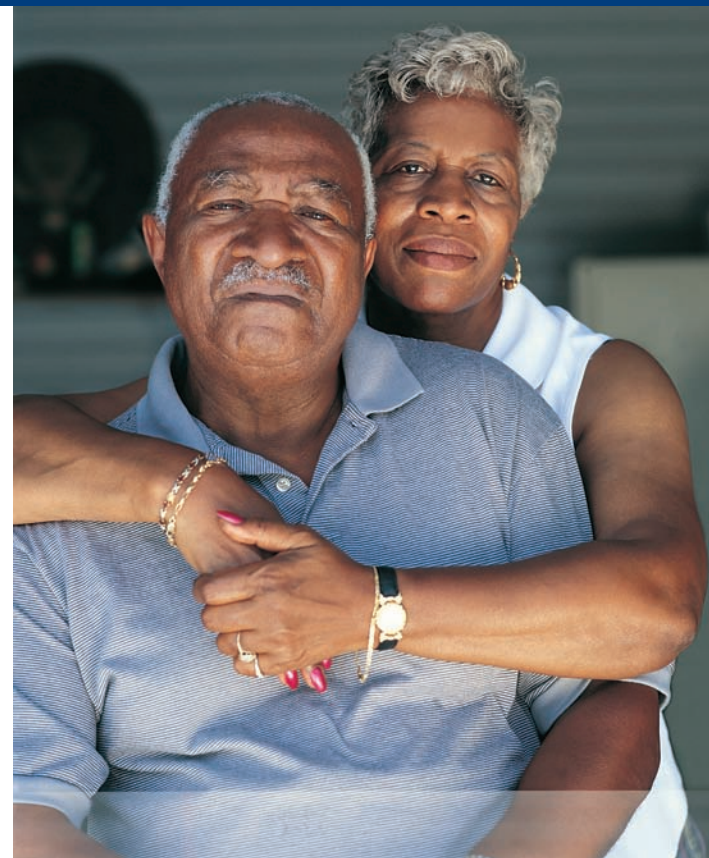
- To work with the patient's existing support system and identify additional sources of support
- To provide a therapeutic healing environment
- To protect patient rights

SERVICES

Behavioral health assessments

- Individual and group counseling
- Recreation therapy
- Medication
- Family education/meetings
- Referrals for outpatient support

Services offered in the Saint Vincent Geriatric Behavioral Health Unit qualify for Medicare coverage.



CONTACT US

Professional associates are also available to conduct behavioral health assessments in emergency situations. These evaluative services can be reached through the Emergency Department and/or Fast Track of Saint Vincent Health Center evenings, weekends and holidays.

Evenings, Weekends and Holidays:
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