

## Approach to Care



Cardiac Care at Gaylord Hospital provides a bridge for patients who no longer require ICU-level care, or who are being discharged from an acute care hospital, but still require daily medical management and specialized care. Our patients are cared for by our specialty trained nursing team who are ACLS certified (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) and highly trained to care for cardiac patients. The Program Medical Director is board certified in Internal Medicine, Pulmonology, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine. Our staff also has specialized training to care for patients requiring the use of Left Ventricular Assistive devices (LVAD), and we work closely with consulting cardiologists and referring physicians to ensure the care provided is well coordinated.

## Program Highlights



*Patients admitted for cardiac care typically include those with:*

- Cardiomyopathies
- Active arrhythmias
- Congestive heart failure/pulmonary edema
- Post-acute myocardial infarction care
- Patients healing from cardiac surgery, including bypass and valve replacement surgery
- Pre- and post-transplants
- LVAD - For more details, see LVAD care information sheet

We also care for patients who have become deconditioned from their cardiac condition and require active management of intravenous fluids, cardiac medication infusions, antibiotics, steroids, or diuretics, parenteral nutrition, as well as complex dressing changes.

## Admissions



Pictured, the Milne Pavilion, which houses our cardiac program, has private rooms with bedside and ambulatory telemetry monitoring, observation rooms, on-site laboratory, pharmacy, CT scan and radiology services.

Once the referral has been made from an acute care setting, a Regional Healthcare Manager from Gaylord visits the referring hospital, conducts an on-site evaluation and completes a pre-admission assessment of the patient to ensure that Gaylord is the next most appropriate level of care. The assessment may include interviews with the patient, family, physicians and any other health care professionals directly involved in the patient's care, as well as a review of the medical record.

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