



Specialized Acute Care for Extended Hospitalization

LifeCare Hospitals of San Antonio goes the extra mile for patients.

Healing a Country Music Singer

A 65-year-old country music singer passed out at a car show and was airlifted to a local hospital in San Antonio, where he spent three weeks. At the time of discharge, the patient was admitted to LifeCare.

“When the gentleman was admitted to us, he was on a ventilator, needing aggressive physical therapy and ventilator weaning. Upon discharge from LifeCare, the patient was no longer on a ventilator and was able to walk,” says Randy Stokes, CEO of LifeCare Hospitals of San Antonio.

“The gentleman credits us with getting him on his feet, which allowed him to transition to an acute rehab facility. Upon discharge from the rehabilitation hospital, he came to visit our hospital and offered to perform for our staff during Hospital Week as a display of gratitude,” adds Stokes.

The San Antonio facility was designed by doctors and hospital staff 10 years ago specifically for complex patients needing extended acute care.

“We don’t deliver babies or perform surgeries, but we have the equipment and capabilities you would find in an acute care hospital, including a state-of-the-art telemetry monitoring system. We have in-house night physician coverage seven days a week, and all patients are seen daily by our physicians,” says Stokes.

LifeCare Hospitals of San Antonio has been awarded by the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) for Quality Respiratory Care (QRCR). This places the facility in

an elite category, as only 15 percent of hospitals in the United States have received this award.

“Patients are typically referred to us by area hospitals. We treat complex wounds, respiratory failure, heart failure, traumatic brain injury, and specialize in ventilator weaning,” says Stokes.

The hospital also provides physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and a full line of diagnostic services including interventional radiology. LifeCare Hospitals of San Antonio is accredited by The Joint Commission, is Medicare certified, and accepts most insurance plans.

“Our mission is ‘Our Life is Your Care,’ and we will take great care of your loved one,” concludes Stokes.



What is a long-term acute care hospital, or LTACH?

“As a long-term acute care hospital, we are different from a nursing home or rehab facility. We are a hospital for patients who need extended, specialized acute care,” says LifeCare Hospitals of San Antonio CEO Randy Stokes.

“Our average length of stay for our patients is three to four weeks.” LifeCare Hospitals of San Antonio has been in San Antonio since 2001 and was founded by an intensive care nurse who saw a need for continued acute care in between the hospital and being discharged home or going to rehab or a skilled nursing facility.

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