



### What sets a swing bed apart from a skilled nursing facility (SNF)?

- Registered nurse on duty 24 hours a day
- Lower nurse-to-patient ratio
- Hospital environment
- On-site laboratory and radiology services
- Ability to transition from any acute care hospital to the Swing Bed Program
- Continuity of care from acute to post-acute in the same facility
- Continuation of patient monitoring from the acute to the Swing Bed Program by the specialized care team
- Enhanced services (infusion therapies not readily available in skilled nursing facilities)
- Circumvents the stigma or fear associated with traditional nursing homes



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# Swing Bed Program



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# About the Swing Bed Program at Ascension St. John

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## What is the Swing Bed Program?

The Swing Bed Program at Ascension St. John helps you regain strength and function to prepare for your return home.

If you have been in the hospital for at least three days and are unable to safely discharge home, the Swing Bed Program allows you to transition from an acute hospital stay to skilled rehabilitation while remaining in the same hospital.

Typically, swing bed services are utilized by patients who have:

- Undergone extensive surgery, such as a joint replacement or open-heart surgery
- A need for long-term IV therapy
- Neurological disorders, such as a stroke, Parkinson's or multiple sclerosis
- Generalized weakness as a result of CHF, COPD, pneumonia or other chronic conditions

A swing bed is not a permanent care placement facility. It is for continuation of care until you can return home or safely transition to a long-term care provider. The average length of stay in the Swing Bed Program is 7-10 days.

## The admission criteria

The Swing Bed Program is available to anyone who qualifies for Medicare Part A. Many commercial insurance carriers also cover a swing bed stay.

As a swing bed utilizes the Medicare Skilled benefits, services are fully covered by Medicare for the first 20 days. For care required past the first 20 days, Medicare becomes a co-insurance that pays for a portion of the service.

Our admissions team will work with your family and care providers to determine if you would be a candidate for the Swing Bed Program. The individualized, focused care and attention of the services provided in our Swing Bed Program, will be a major factor in helping you make your decision.

## Services

### Nursing

With 24-hour registered nurse oversight, swing beds can provide service levels that might otherwise not be supported in the community.

### Wound care

Swing bed patients benefit from the close oversight of the healing process at bedside by improving continuity of care with enhanced communication within the hospital's interdisciplinary care team and possibly eliminating the need to be transported elsewhere for outpatient wound care services.

### Respiratory

Swing beds can provide the higher level respiratory needs that can not always be met in the community.

## Physical, occupational and speech therapy

Therapy is one of the primary treatments patients require in the Swing Bed Program. Therapy will be adapted to your individual circumstances to help you regain your highest level of functional independence. Your familiarity with the medical staff can enhance the reception of service given by our therapy department at the hospital. Our therapy team will focus on your unique medical and functional needs, working with you to meet your specific goals.

## What benefits can you expect?

In the event an acute hospitalization is needed again, you can be transitioned back to acute hospital care without the need to transport to another hospital.

You will have access to full-time doctors and 24-hour skilled nursing services to evaluate, treat and manage your care in a compassionate environment.

Familiarity with staff and surroundings allows you to be more comfortable in transitioning from the acute hospital services to the swing bed services and can help with recovery.

All radiology procedures such as X-rays, ultrasound and CT scans, and laboratory testing can be done on-site, without the need to be transported elsewhere for these services.

If you reside in a rural area, it will allow you to remain closer to home, with no need to travel to metropolitan areas to receive the same skilled care.