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Upland Hills Health in Dodgeville: Small Hospital, Sophisticated Capabilities

Not far to the west of Madison, in the town of Dodgeville, Upland Hills Health gives rural people the same high-quality of care they'd get in the city.

Treating patients from birth through their retirement years, providing everything from top-level clinical treatment to helpful preventive education, this medical facility is here for its community. This is a small critical access hospital with a remarkable range of services. "People think they have to go to Madison, but they really don't," says Patricia Lawson, director of marketing and community relations for Upland Hills Health. "They'll find a commitment to healthcare excellence right here."

As an example, she cites the hospital's staff of physicians, a large and highly accomplished group. They're here because this is home, she says, and they've centered their entire practices in the Iowa County area.

Those practices take in medical and surgical specialties of every kind. One is heart care. Upland Hills Health has an EECF therapy program — it was one of the first five in the state — for people with angina or heart failure. EECF is a noninvasive procedure that allows alternative arteries to handle



blood flow to the heart. Lawson says this treatment has helped patients who routinely used nitroglycerin patches to cut back their use to once a month.

The hospital is a member of the Wisconsin Society for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, which uses the Web to track outcomes. In most areas of heart care, Upland Hills Health, Lawson says, is outperforming similar-sized facilities, large hospitals, the regional average and the state average. "We're very proud of that," she says.

Indeed, there is much here to make the community proud. Strengths in treating cancer, including an infusion center that allows people to get treatment close to home; a successful obstetrics program — difficult, Lawson says, to develop in a rural area, but this birthing unit draws families from three counties; ear-nose-throat specialists; dermatology; radiology; pathology; hospice; endoscopy; laparoscopy; orthopedics; general surgery; and outpatient treatment — Upland Hills Health is prepared to treat the ills of the people in this region.

It's also prepared to help prevent them. The hospital is a partner with the community in events to teach people about their health and how to maintain it.

In addition to the hospital, and attached to it, is a nursing home/rehab center that is essentially a neighborhood in itself. Designed for people to stay

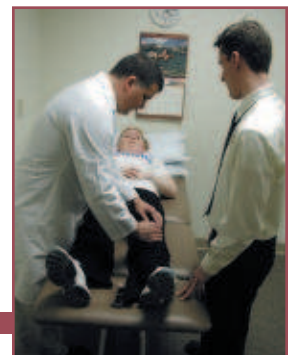


Upland Hills' multispecialty surgeons and surgical team

long or short term, this award-winning 44-bed facility is divided into four wings, each with a living room, kitchen area, patio, sun porch and a patch of land for a garden. The place is spacious and beautifully decorated with quality furnishings. Services include a beauty salon, library, greenhouse, coffee area, chapel and meeting room.

Upland Hills Health home care and hospice provide much needed services to individuals facing some of the most daunting health concerns. Nurses and therapists work with doctors to provide quality health care in the comfort of a patient's home. Hospice professionals, trained to focus on quality of life, support the terminally ill and their loved ones — all part of the continuum of care.

"We see our purpose as providing needed services," Lawson says, "and excellence in rural health care."



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