Clinical Affiliations
Orientation Handbook
Advocate Sherman

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About Advocate Sherman

• We are a 255-bed community hospital that has had a presence in Elgin since 1888!

• We moved into our new hospital in Dec. 2009 (all private patient rooms).

• Advocate Sherman includes the hospital and 3 Immediate Care Centers and 12 AMG sites of care.

• Emergency services with over 62,000 visits annually-Level 2 trauma center

• Family Birthing center offers a Level 2 Nursery and 2,400 deliveries annually

• Sherman is the “Regional Hospital Coordination Center” for 12 hospitals

We have a beautiful Geothermal lake that heats and cools the patient rooms in the bed tower and an AHA certified walking path.
Accolades:

- Accreditated Hospital
- Magnet Recognized: American Nurses Credentialing Center
- Healthcare Equality Index 2022: Leader
- LGBTQ+ Health Care Equality Leader
- Age-Friendly Health Systems: Committed to Care Excellence for Older Adults
- American College of Radiology: Practice Greenhealth Emerald Award
- American Heart Association: Gold Plus Award
- 2023 American Heart Association: Get With The Guidelines

Designated Hospital

- U.S. News & World Report
  - Best Hospitals: 2023 Edition
  - Best Regional Hospitals:
    - Ranked 19th in Illinois
  - High Performing Specialties:
    - Colon Cancer Surgery
    - Diabetes
    - Heart Attack
    - Heart Failure
    - Kidney Failure
    - Maternity Care (Uncomplicated Pregnancy)
    - Pulmonology & Lung Surgery
    - Pneumonia
    - Stroke

World’s Best Hospitals – U.S.
World’s Best Specialized Hospitals:
- Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery
Emergency Alerts

There are 4 plain language CATEGORIES that will serve as the CORE ANNOUNCEMENT for all emergency notifications for Advocate Health:

- **Facility Alert**- Fire Alarms, Electricity Disruption, Hazardous Spill, Decontamination, Evacuation, Incident Command, etc.

- **Medical Alert**- Trauma (Adult/Pediatric), Medical Code Team (Adult/Pediatric), Rapid Response Team (Adult/Pediatric), Stroke Alert, Behavioral Health Response Team, Help Response, etc.

- **Security Alert**- Missing Person (Adult/Child/Infant), Suspicious Package, Security Assist, Active Threat, etc.

- **Weather Alert**- Severe Thunderstorm, Tornado, Snowstorm, Ice Storm, etc.

Following the Core announcement, the type of actual emergency (in plain language) and location will be communicated.

❖ Example: “Medical Alert - Rapid Response Team - Adult 6 Medical, room 1223”

**Dial 67x5555 to activate an emergency alert**
Our Phone Number:

- Our area code is 224 and prefix 783…
- If you are calling from outside of the hospital and want to call for example, the Critical care unit, you would dial 224-783-8745
- However, the main hospital number is still 847-742-9800
- For in house calls, dial 67 then last 4 digits of the department extension (67-8745)

Other Important Numbers:

- Call Epidemiology with questions about Infection control and types of waste/waste disposal:  x 67-2948
  Kathy Aureden, Epidemiology Coordinator

- Corporate Compliance hotline:  x 67-3333.

- Conflict of Interest questions:  x 67-8795

- Security/Public Safety: x 67-8101

- IT (assist with log-in): x 52-7000

- Translation/Interpreter Services:  ext./pager 67-2300
Our Address:

1425 N. Randall Road in Elgin IL, 60123

Directions to Advocate Sherman:

From Chicago:
Merge onto I-290 W toward Rockford. Take the I-90/Tollway/IL-53 N/IL-62/Algonquin Rd exit. Merge onto I-90 W/Jane Addams Memorial Tollway W toward Rockford (Portions toll). Take the Randall Rd exit. Keep left to take the ramp toward Elgin. Turn left onto County Hwy-34/Randall Rd. Turn left onto Holmes Rd.

From Rockford:
The Cafeteria is located on the Lake (lower) Level; it is open M-F until 2pm. The Coffee shop and Gift shop are located on the first level.
Other Clinical Experience Requirements:

Parking:
Parking is permitted in the blue painted lines at the outside perimeter of our parking lots. Please discuss where your student group will be parking with your instructor.

Student Attire:
- Hair clean and well kept. Long hair should adhere to departmental guidelines.
- Students will wear their school-provided picture identification while on Advocate Sherman property. ID badges will be worn above the waist while on Advocate Sheramn property.
- Visible body piercings and associated jewelry are prohibited while on duty. Ear piercings are acceptable with earrings in good taste and with safety concerns in mind. No facial piercings or “band-aids” over them. Dangling jewelry, large rings and excessive jewelry including other items that could pose a hazard or harbor pathogens are not permitted.
- Tattoos containing inappropriate or potentially offensive messages or images must not be visible.
- Artificial fingernails and extenders are prohibited by those providing direct patient care. Natural nail tips < ¼ inch long
- Direct patient care givers:
  - Refrain from using scented lotions, perfumes
  - Feet and legs covered at all times and wear socks

Expectation for all:
“Neat, professional appearance and follow safety standards”
Roles/Scrub colors at Sherman:

- **RN**
  - Olive Green or White
- **Patient Care Tech/Nursing Assistant**
  - Royal Blue
- **Respiratory Therapy**
  - Navy Blue
- **LAB**
  - Grey
- **Rehab Services**
  - Teal
- **EVS**
  - Maroon Top/Navy Bottoms

**Other tips:**

**Red** “Emergency Response Guidebooks” are on each unit.