The Comprehensive Inpatient Rehab Program

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center’s Comprehensive Inpatient Rehab Programs serve patients age 13 and older who need comprehensive, intensive rehabilitation. Program participants typically are recovering from stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury, amputation, trauma, or other neurological and orthopedic conditions. Patients admitted to the Program commonly exhibit decreased strength and sensation; impaired posture, movement, and balance; impaired communication; difficulty swallowing; and impaired bowel/bladder function. These deficits may interfere with the patient’s ability to walk, communicate, and perform activities of daily living such as dressing, bathing, feeding, and toileting. The goal of the rehab process is to maximize independence and the patient’s ability to return to life roles and activities that include driving, working, returning to school, social events, and community activities. Patients benefit from the expertise of our interdisciplinary rehabilitation team and intensive training for patients, families, and caregivers.

Philosophy of Care

Each patient is unique, with specific needs, capabilities and potential. Therefore, each patient’s treatment plan is individualized and modified as recovery progresses. The rehabilitation team, patient, and family/caregivers work together to set and achieve functional improvement goals.

The Care Team

The Program’s success is attributed to its comprehensive, interdisciplinary team, which includes the patient, family members/caregivers, and professionals specializing in:

- Rehab Medicine
- Rehabilitation Nursing
- Clinical Psychology
- Neuropsychology
- Clinical Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech Language Pathology
- Social Work
- Recreation Therapy
- Assistive Technology*

*These services are provided by team members who are not directly employed by WFBMC, but who work collaboratively with the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Rehab Programs.

Scope of Services

- Board-certified physicians specializing in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) direct the patient’s plan of care on a daily basis.
- Rehabilitation Nursing is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Each patient receives a minimum of 15 hours of therapy each week, including a combination of physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and/or orthotics/prosthetics training. The type of therapy, intensity of therapy, and schedule are tailored to the needs of each patient. Therapy services are provided between 7AM and 5PM Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays as needed.
- Recreation therapy, clinical psychology, neuropsychology, and assistive technology services are available 5 days a week, and are provided based on the needs of each patient.
- Each patient is assigned a Care Coordinator who acts as a liaison between patient, family/caregiver, rehabilitation professionals, and third party payers.
- Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center provides all ancillary services including, but not limited to, Diagnostic Imaging, Laboratory, Pharmacy, Spiritual Care, and Respiratory Therapy.
- Consulting physician services for other specialties are provided by Wake Forest Baptist, as needed.
- If services not available within the Wake Forest Baptist are needed, referrals or consultations are made for these services, which may include, but are not limited to: cognitive rehab, orthotics and prosthetics, durable medical equipment, caregiver/family services, substance abuse counseling, vocational rehabilitation, rehab engineering, and driver’s assessment and education.
The ultimate goal is to return each patient to the highest level of independence possible, and in most cases, to return patient to home. Specific treatment goals are individualized for each patient and may include:

- Maximizing function in:
  - Mobility and balance
  - Activities of Daily Living (eating, grooming, dressing, bathing)
  - Communication and cognition
  - Swallowing
  - Bowel and bladder management
- Addressing sexuality and family issues
- Disability adjustment, counseling, and coping strategies
- Patient and family education for individualized needs
- Recommending healthy living practices for weight control and smoking cessation
- Optimizing community integration and life roles through community outings, recreation therapy and use of assistive technology
- Identifying and providing additional services for families/support systems (e.g., support groups)

### Exceptional Facilities
- Dedicated Brain Injury Unit
- Heated therapeutic pool
- Spacious rooms and showers
- Home of the Region's Resource Room for the Brain Injury Association of NC

### Advanced Technology and Treatment
- Vitalstim Therapy System for swallowing difficulty
- Deep Pharyngeal Neuromuscular Stimulation
- Bedside fiberoptic endoscopic evaluations of swallowing
- Weight bearing assisted treadmill therapy (LiteGait System)
- Functional Electrical Stimulation with Bioness (Upper & Lower Extremity)
- SaeboFlex custom fabricated splint

### Comprehensive Care & Expertise
- Offering IP Rehab Programs since 1978
- Part of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, one of America’s top ranked hospitals
- Board certified rehabilitation physicians
- Certified rehabilitation nurses
- Certified brain injury specialists
- Clinical psychology and neuropsychology
- Seating & wheeled mobility evaluations
- Home evaluations for home modification recommendations
- Animal Assisted Therapy Program
- Recreation therapy-led community re-entry outings
- Assistive technology services
- School tutoring education program
- Peer-mentor & caregiver/family support programs

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**Why Choose WFBMC for Inpatient Rehabilitation?**
The Comprehensive Integrated Inpatient Rehabilitation Program has been awarded accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. CARF Accreditation means that Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center’s Rehab Program:

- is committed to excellence in rehabilitative care
- meets rigorous international standards of patient care and satisfaction
- is committed to helping each patient achieve their individualized rehabilitation goals
- constantly works to improve services and stays on the edge of rehabilitation techniques and technology
- surpasses communication expectations with referral and payer sources

Patients admitted to the Rehab Program must have realistic rehabilitation goals that reflect the potential for gaining independence or achieving a higher function in self-care activities and mobility. Additionally, a patient must:

- Be 13 years of age or older
- Require and be able and willing to participate in intensive physical, occupational and/or speech therapy (if indicated) at least 3 hours a day
- Have the need for more than one type of rehab therapy and have potential for functional improvement.
- Be medically appropriate for an inpatient hospital environment and have stable vital signs.
- Have a supportive social system and a defined, expected discharge destination to home
- Have a cognitive level of three or higher on the Rancho Los Amigos scale.
- Be able to breath without the help of a mechanical ventilator at all times.

Wake Forest Baptist Health accepts payment from all major private insurance plans, worker’s compensation, Medicare and Medicaid. The Program evaluates and verifies insurance coverage for each patient prior to admission. If the patient does not have insurance coverage for the Rehabilitation Program, the patient and/or family/caregiver will be notified and alternate payment plans or treatment options will be discussed. Any estimated financial responsibilities will be communicated to the patient and/or family.

The Program welcomes referrals from many sources, including, but not limited to, physicians, short term acute care hospitals, rehab hospitals, nursing facilities, long term acute care hospitals, and home health agencies. To make a referral, call (336) 713-8500 or (888) 605-9568.

For additional information about the program, call 336716-8454 or email Rehab4Life@wakehealth.edu.

The Rehabilitation Programs at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center do not discriminate against individuals of varying age, disability, race/ethnicity, religion, gender, or sexual preference and strive to understand and the be sensitive to these characteristics and to patient-specific preferences.
Patients’ ability to return home is a key outcome and expectation for rehabilitation programs. Wake Forest Baptist’s Program returns a higher percentage of patients to home than other programs nationwide. In 2017, 83% of the Program’s patients returned home, compared to the national average of 79%. 5% of patients returned to their previous hospital setting, but often for just a short period prior to returning to Rehab. 11% of Program patients were discharged to another long term care setting for continued rehab and/or nursing care.
What to Expect in Your Rehab Program

The information below will give you an idea of what your rehab program may include. Please keep in mind that your rehab care team will complete a thorough evaluation after admission and develop a more detailed care plan based on your needs and your family’s needs.

Name_____________________       Diagnosis____________________        Rehab Physician________________
Location: __________________      Expected Days in Program*_________ Expected Discharge_____________
Insurance Coverage: __________________

Rehab Intensity: Treatment will include a minimum of either three hours of therapy per day, five days per week, or fifteen hours of therapy over the seven day period. On average, patients in the Program receive 70 minutes physical therapy, 80 minutes occupational therapy, and 55 minutes of speech therapy per day, 5 days per week.

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<td>☐ Rehabilitation</td>
<td>Manage your medical condition to ensure your safety and progress toward your goals. Nurse practitioners, physician’s assistants, medical students, and residents may work in close collaboration with your rehab physician. During your stay, physician orders will be responded to, with results, within 24 hours, unless otherwise specified.</td>
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<td>Physical Therapy</td>
<td>Improve &amp; maximize your mobility skills, safety, strength and endurance</td>
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<td>☐ Occupational Therapy</td>
<td>Improve your ability to complete activities of daily living such as eating, dressing, bathing, toileting and home management; address sexuality issues related to impairment</td>
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<td>☐ Speech Therapy</td>
<td>Improve your swallowing, communication and cognitive skills</td>
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<td>☐ Rehab Nursing</td>
<td>Manage your bowel and bladder control, address family issues associated with impairment, educate on care needs, including health and wellness. Our team will be asking you to assume more responsibility and independence the closer you get to discharge. This will make you and your family better prepared for your activities of daily living and resuming home life.</td>
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<td>☐ Nutrition Services</td>
<td>Educate and ensure proper nutrition during treatment</td>
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<td>☐ Clinical &amp; Neuropsychology</td>
<td>Help you and your family members with emotional and mental health challenges associated with temporary or permanent disability</td>
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<td>☐ Recreation Therapy</td>
<td>Educate you and your family on how to adapt to community environment after discharge and how to enjoy recreational activities safely</td>
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<td>☐ Care Coordination</td>
<td>Coordinate services with the care team, you, and your family members to ensure needs are met prior to discharge</td>
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<td>☐ Orthotics</td>
<td>Provide custom orthotic (if needed) to improve mobility and range of motion</td>
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<td>☐ Other</td>
<td>The Program is attentive to the specific cultural or other needs of each patient. Please let us know if you have any specific needs or requests.</td>
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*Expected Days in Program refers to the estimated duration of your stay in the program.
What to Expect During Your Stay

The following is a typical schedule for the first three days after admission to the Rehab Program.

**Day One**
- Arrive on the 3rd floor of the Sticht Center at assigned room.
- Nurse assesses your condition and needs upon arrival to the rehabilitation unit.
- Meet with the physician, social worker and nurses within the first 24 hours.
- Receive an assigned wheelchair for the rehab stay.
- Receive a tentative schedule for each therapy. Throughout your stay, you will receive regular updates on the scheduled times for each therapy service identified for your care plan.

**Day Two**
- Begin therapy evaluations and treatment, which could include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and recreation therapy. You will participate in approximately three hours of therapy each day and at least 15 hours per week.

**Day Three**
- Working with you and your family, the Rehab team develops an individualized Plan of Care based on your condition and determines your functional status. The Plan of Care guides your treatment program. The rehab team reviews your progress toward your goals at least weekly.

What to Expect During and After Discharge

Your care coordinator will work with you, your care team, and your family/caregiver to coordinate the best discharge plan for your individual needs. Many activities must be completed prior to discharge. For example:
- Your care team will make recommendations for equipment you will need at home or modifications that you will need to make at home for your safety and continued recovery.
- Your Care Coordinator will arrange for delivery of equipment.
- Your care team will determine if you need assistance from a home health agency, which includes nursing and/or therapy at home. Another option is outpatient therapy after your discharge. If the best option for you is home health, your Care Coordinator will give you a list of agencies to choose from near your home and arrange Home Health visits. If outpatient therapy is the best option for you, the Care Coordinator will set up appointments for outpatient therapy.
- Your care team will review all discharge instructions with you.
- The unit secretary will schedule follow-up appointments with your physician.

*When your physician notifies you that you will be going home, please be aware that it may take several hours for the care team to complete all necessary items and ensure that you have a safe and successful discharge from the Program.*

After discharge from the Inpatient Rehabilitation Program:
- Your rehabilitation journey will continue, and you may need additional resources to assist with lifestyle changes. During your stay, we will provide information about additional resources that are tailored to your individual needs. If you have additional needs or questions about community resources, please contact Karen Lawrence at 336.716.8454 or email: Rehab4Life@wakehealth.edu.
- You will receive a Press-Ganey Survey in the mail to request feedback on your satisfaction with our services. Please note that you may receive 2 surveys — one for your stay in the acute hospital and a second one for your stay in our Rehabilitation Program.
Resources for Your Continued Recovery

There are many other services within our health system and in your community that may assist you in your continued recovery. The next two pages introduce services offered by WFBH, by the local community, or through national organizations. We encourage you to call or visit the website for these organizations. However, please do not hesitate to ask us for additional information on these services or for other providers or services in your community.

Your physician will determine whether you would benefit from **Outpatient Rehabilitation Services** after you have completed your Inpatient Program. Wake Forest Baptist Health’s Neurorehabilitation Therapy services are highlighted in this folder, but WFBH offers six additional outpatient therapy centers, including Sports Therapy, Hand Therapy, Spine Therapy, Occupational Rehab, Pediatric Therapy, and General Outpatient Physical Therapy. WFBH has one of the largest and most specialized outpatient rehabilitation centers in the region. To learn more about our expertise in these areas, please visit our Rehabilitation Resource Room on the Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit or email: Rehab4Life@wakehealth.edu.

The **WFBH Medical Fitness Program** offers diagnosis-specific, small group exercise classes designed for anyone who has been discharged from outpatient rehab, but is not ready to exercise independently. Evaluation by a physical therapist or a physician referral is required for admission to the program. Classes are offered at Medical Plaza Miller. For more information:
☎ 336.716.8402

The **WFBH Aquatic Therapy Program** offers a variety of classes led by qualified instructors trained in fitness, arthritis and water safety. Classes are offered in the warm water pool at the Sticht Center. For more Information:
☎ 336.713.8082
✉ [www.wakehealth.edu/Aquatic-Programs](http://www.wakehealth.edu/Aquatic-Programs).

**WFBH Massage Therapy** services are offered at Medical Plaza Miller inside the Fitness Center; Sticht Center on 2nd floor; and anywhere in the hospital at patient’s bedside with physician’s order. Massage Therapy offers many health benefits including decreased muscle tension, pain, and anxiety, nausea, stress and sleep difficulties. For more information:
☎ 336.716.8304
✉ [www.wakehealth.edu/Recreation-Therapy/Massage-Therapy.htm](http://www.wakehealth.edu/Recreation-Therapy/Massage-Therapy.htm)

**WFBH’s Club Independence (Club I)** is an interactive Day Recreation Therapy Program providing education, recreation, and overall health and wellness opportunities for individuals with disabling conditions. **Club I** is the only program of its kind in the Triad and one of only two in North Carolina. Led by licensed recreation therapists, **Club I** addresses ways for members to enhance their quality of life and assists them in returning to the community and to recreational activities that they once enjoyed. **Club I** meets on Wednesdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm at Medical Plaza Miller. Members must be 18 or older and independent with their activities of daily living and medical management. For more information:
☎ 336.716.8007
✉ [www.wakehealth.edu/Recreation-Therapy/Club-Independence.htm](http://www.wakehealth.edu/Recreation-Therapy/Club-Independence.htm)

**Driver Rehabilitation Services** include clinical assessments of a person’s visual, perceptual, cognitive, physical, and behavioral abilities as it relates to safe and independent driving due to aging, an illness or injury. Two local providers of these services are:

Driver Rehabilitation Services, P.A.
☎ 888.888.0039 or 336.697.7841
✉ [www.info@driver-rehab.com](http://www.info@driver-rehab.com)

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center- Outpatient NeuroRehab
☎ 336.716-8400
Resources for Your Continued Recovery

Wake Forest Baptist Health’s Assistive Technology Center is a partnership with the North Carolina Assistive Technology Program (NCATP) and is a demonstration center for assistive technology devices (AT). Assistive Technology or “AT” is any piece of equipment or device that a person with a disability uses to make every day living easier, to be more productive in the workplace or to be more independent. Therapists, consumers, patients, and family members can visit the center at Medical Plaza Miller to look at devices, have them demonstrated, and try them out. Many of the devices can be loaned out for short periods of time to try out in the environment of choice. For more information:

Contact: Paul Eklund
☎ 336.716.8030
✉ www.wakehealth.edu/Recreation-Therapy/Assistive-Technology.htm

BestHealth is the Piedmont Triad’s trusted source for hands-on health knowledge, classes and screenings. BestHealth is presented by Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, one of America’s top ranked hospitals. An optional membership is also available to individuals who want to take a more active role in improving or managing their health. For more information:
☎ 336.713.BEST (336.713.2378)
✉ www.wakehealth.edu/BestHealth.

WFBH offers myWakeHealth, a patient portal that gives patients unprecedented access to their health information, without the unnecessary burden of waiting. MyWakeHealth allows you to get answers to your medical questions from the comfort your own home; schedule your next appointment or view details of your past and upcoming appointments; and access test results. For more information:
✉ www.mywakehealth.com

The Winston-Salem Mayor’s Council for Persons with Disability hosts free meetings that are open to the public. Meetings are at 11:30am on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information:
☎ 336.245.5678

Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA)
☎ 800.532.7667
✉ www.msassociation.org

Guillain-Barre Syndrome Foundation International
✉ www.gbs-cidp.org

Guillain-Barre Local Support Group:
☎ 336.765.9498 (Jeanette Lawson)

The Inpatient Rehabilitation Programs are pleased to offer a Rehabilitation Resource Center on the Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit. Please visit the center and let us know what you think.

If you need assistance finding additional resources in your community:
☎ 336.716.8454 (Karen Lawrence)
Email: Rehab4Life@wakehealth.edu
The Rehabilitation Programs are located on the 3rd floor of the Sticht Center. Park in Patient/Visitor Deck A.

**From Interstate 40 East:** Take Business 40 toward Winston Salem. Exit Cloverdale Avenue. At the bottom of the exit ramp, continue straight through the traffic light onto Medical Center Boulevard. Proceed up the hill and around the curve. Turn left into the Main Entrance to the Medical Center. Turn into the first drive on your left. And then right to park in Deck A.

**From Interstate 40 West:** Take Business 40 toward Winston Salem. Exit Cloverdale Avenue. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn right on Cloverdale Avenue. At the first traffic light, turn left onto Medical Center Boulevard and proceed up the hill and around the curve. Turn left into the Main Entrance to the Medical Center. Turn into the first drive on your left, and then right to park in Deck A.
Contact Numbers

We want to provide the best possible care and service to you and your family. If you have a problem, concern, or unmet need related to your stay on the rehab unit, please speak to your nurse or care coordinator as soon as possible. We are here to help you each step of the way.

Rehabilitation Units
Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Unit-3SA Rooms-301-310 336.713.8300
General Rehabilitation Unit-3SB Rooms-351-369 336.713.8341
Patient Rooms 336.702.5(room number)

Rehabilitation Program Management
Nurse Manager: Jamie Brown 336.713.8355
Therapy Manager: Jennifer Brown 336.713.8065
Administrative Director: Amy Crews 336.716.8434

Care Coordinators
Joy Watson 336.713.8815
Katherine Conrad 336.716.8024
Auria Chamberlain 336.716.1071

Office of Patient Experience
336.713.2273

Billing and Insurance
Billing 336.716.4958 or 877.938.7497
Financial Counselor 336.716.0681

After Discharge
For Questions about community resources:
Karen Lawrence, Outreach Coordinator 336.716.8454

Inpatient Rehabilitation Website: www.wakehealth.edu/rehabservices
Email for all general inquiries about rehab services: Rehab4Life@wakehealth.edu