The Specialty Units at Clinton Hospital
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Summary

• Clinton Hospital is a community hospital
• It has many of the resources of the big hospitals with smaller wait times
• It has 41 beds of which are part of the Geriatric Medical Psych Unit (GMPU) and 4 are part of its Special Care Unit (SCU)
• Many subspecialties are available throughout the week
• Interpretation services are available on request
• A recent report named Clinton Hospital the number-one in Massachusetts for patient satisfaction in 6 out of 10 categories!
• A new emergency room has just been completed!

GMPU

• 20 bed unit that focuses on acute on chronic psychiatric issues
• It is a locked unit with specially trained staff
• Social workers are always ready to help find homes for patients
• Medical issues are monitored by NPs
• There are many activities for the patients to do including but not limited to: movies, animal visits, ice cream making, and even Wii bowling
• Psychiatry adjusts medications to get patients back to baseline
• Average hospital stay of 2 weeks
• It is one of the few Geriatric Psychiatric units in the state

References
HCAHPS Patient Satisfaction Survey 2012.

Telemetry and the SCU

• One of these units is used if the patient is in need of constant monitoring
• This is most commonly used in the case of a possible myocardial infarction
• This monitoring allows for the fastest response time
• The SCU has the highest nurse to patient ratio
• Any cases that cannot be handled by the resources available are transferred to bigger hospitals (only 6 cases in the period covered)
• The Cardiac Rule Out patients usually have a stay of 12 to 24 hours.