

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 20 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 numberone in Massachusetts for patient satisfaction in 6 out of 10 categories!
- A new emergency room has just been completed!



A special thank you to the staff of Clinton Hospital for their warm welcome and help during my time there.

(4/1/13-8/1/13) Infection 6% Arrhythmia 6% Syncope 3% Hemodynamic Issues

Telemetry use by Diagnosis

Telemetry and the SCU

9%

Oxygen Needs

10%

- 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.

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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

