



# Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist

## The Comprehensive Inpatient Rehab Program

Atrium Health 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.

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### 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.

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### 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:

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

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

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### 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, including Virtual Patient Observation as appropriate.
- 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.
- Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center provides all ancillary services and consulting physician services as needed, including, but not limited to, Diagnostic Imaging, Laboratory, Pharmacy, Spiritual Care, Respiratory Therapy and other physician specialty services.
- If services not available within Atrium Health 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.

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## Treatment Goals and Common Interventions

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The ultimate goal is to return each patient to the highest level of independence possible, and in most cases, to return the 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 and cultural 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)

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## Why Choose Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation

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### 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 inpatient Rehab Programs since 1978
- Part of Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, one of America's top ranked hospitals
- Board certified rehabilitation physicians
- Certified rehabilitation nurses
- Certified brain injury specialists
- Clinical social work 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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## Demonstrated Excellence in Rehabilitation

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The Comprehensive Integrated Inpatient Rehabilitation Program has been awarded accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. CARF Accreditation means that Atrium Health 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

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## Admission Criteria and Referrals

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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 breathe without the help of a mechanical ventilator at all times.

Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist 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. A listing of prices is available at <https://www.wakehealth.edu/Patient-and-Family-Resources/Billing-and-Insurance/Your-Health-Care-Costs>.

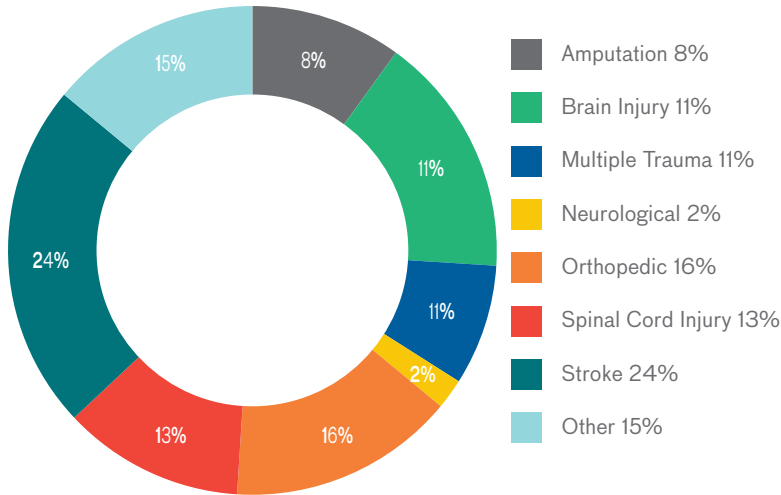
The Program welcomes referrals from many sources, including, but not limited to, physicians, short term acute care hospitals, rehab hospitals, nursing facilities, long term acute care hospitals, and home health agencies. To make a referral, call (336) 713-8500 or (888) 605-9568.

For additional information about the program, call (336) 716-8454 or email [Rehab4Life@advocatehealth.org](mailto:Rehab4Life@advocatehealth.org).

The Rehabilitation Programs at Atrium Health 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 be sensitive to these characteristics and to patient-specific preferences.

# Program Patients and Outcomes – Calendar Year 2025

## Patient Diagnoses



**Number of Patients:** 698

58% males/42% females

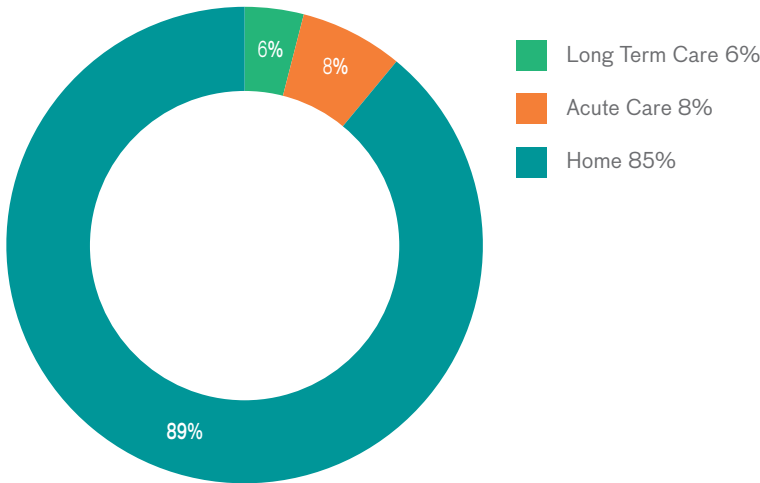
**Average Days in the Program:** 12.37

**Intensity of Therapy:**

Average Minutes of Therapy per Patient Day: 142

Age Group	Number of Patients
13-17	4
18-44	123
45-64	218
65-74	176
75-100	177

## Setting after Discharge



Patients' ability to return home is a key outcome and expectation for rehabilitation programs. Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center's Inpatient Rehabilitation Program returns a higher percentage of patients to home than other programs nationwide.

In 2025, 85% of the Program's patients returned home compared to the national average of 80%. 8% of patients returned to a hospital setting. 6% of Program patients were discharged to a long term care setting for continued rehab and/or nursing care.

Functional Improvement in:	% Patients Who Had Improved Function Between Admission and Discharge	Average % Improvement Between Admission and Discharge
Self-Care	90%	56%
Mobility	90%	87%

Patients' function is measured, or scored, at admission, during the stay, and at discharge. The table to the left shows the percentage of patients who demonstrated functional improvement and the average percentage improvement achieved between admission and discharge

Patient/Family Satisfaction (Source: NRC)	% Positive	National Target % Positive
Likelihood of recommending program	91.6	81.1
National Target	86.7	80.3

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

On average, patients in the Program receive therapy 5 days per week. Over 97% of therapy is provided one on one.

Program Services		Treatment Goals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rehabilitation Physician Services	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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Therapy	Improve & maximize your mobility skills, safety, strength and endurance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Occupational Therapy	Improve your ability to complete activities of daily living such as eating, dressing, bathing, toileting and home management; address sexuality issues related to impairment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Speech Therapy	Improve your swallowing, communication and cognitive skills
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rehab Nursing	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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nutrition Services	Educate and ensure proper nutrition during treatment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Psychology & Neuropsychology	Help you and your family members with emotional and mental health challenges associated with temporary or permanent disability.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation Therapy	Educate you and your family on how to adapt to community environment after discharge and how to enjoy recreational activities safely.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Care Coordination	Coordinate services with the care team, you, and your family members to ensure needs are met prior to discharge.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Orthotics	Provide custom orthotic (if needed) to improve mobility and range of motion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Needs	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.

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## What to Expect During Your Stay

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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. A family conference may be held for the care team to discuss the discharge plan with the family. Usually this is an in-person meeting, but some family members may attend virtually. Services may occasionally be provided using phone calls, video calls, live chats or videoconferencing.

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## What to Expect During and After Discharge

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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.

### 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 email: [Rehab4Life@advocatehealth.org](mailto:Rehab4Life@advocatehealth.org).
- You will receive a NRC 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.
- Prior to discharge, you will be asked how you prefer to be surveyed at 3 months after your discharge. We will either mail or phone you per your preference to answer this survey. Asking about your continued recovery after discharge helps us to improve our program and better prepare our patients for a successful return to home.

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## Resources for Your Continued Recovery

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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 Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist, 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. Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist's Neurorehabilitation Therapy services are highlighted in this folder, but there are six additional outpatient therapy centers, including Sports Therapy, Hand Therapy, Spine Therapy, Occupational Rehab, Pediatric Therapy, and General Outpatient Physical Therapy. Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist has one of the largest and most specialized outpatient rehabilitation centers in the region. To learn more about our expertise in these areas, To learn more about our expertise in these areas, please speak with your Care Coordinator on the Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit or email: [Rehab4Life@advocatehealth.org](mailto:Rehab4Life@advocatehealth.org).

The **Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist 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 **Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center 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/Specialty/r/Recreation-Therapy/Aquatic-Programs](http://www.wakehealth.edu/Specialty/r/Recreation-Therapy/Aquatic-Programs)

**Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist 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, anxiety, nausea, stress and sleep difficulties..

 336.716.8304

 [www.wakehealth.edu/Recreation-Therapy/Massage-Therapy.htm](http://www.wakehealth.edu/Recreation-Therapy/Massage-Therapy.htm)

The **ABC (Aphasia, Brain Injury, Cognition) Book Club** provides people who have experienced a brain injury the opportunity to practice skills needed for reading, verbalization, and comprehension of written materials. It is a safe, judgement free environment where people can practice the skills needed to enjoy reading again. Participants are encouraged to use large print books and audio books to assist in the process. The facilitator of the group is a Licensed Recreational Therapist who is a certified brain injury specialist with 15+ years of experience in brain injury rehabilitation. This group meets every Wednesday from 1:00-2:30 at Medical Plaza Miller. For more information:

 336.716.8007

**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.driver-rehab.com](http://www.driver-rehab.com)

### Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist - Outpatient NeuroRehab

 336.716.8400

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**Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist'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: Samantha Westrich, SLP/AT

 336.716.8030

 [www.wakehealth.edu/Recreation-Therapy/Assistive-Technology.htm](http://www.wakehealth.edu/Recreation-Therapy/Assistive-Technology.htm)

Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist offers [MyAtriumHealth](#), a patient portal that gives patients unprecedented access to their health information, without the unnecessary burden of waiting. [MyAtriumHealth](#) allows you to get answers to your medical questions from the comfort of your own home; schedule your next appointment or view details of your past and upcoming appointments; and access test results. For more information:

 [www.myatriumhealth.org](http://www.myatriumhealth.org)

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.mymsaa.org](http://www.mymsaa.org)

### **Guillain-Barre Syndrome Foundation International**

 [www.gbs-cidp.org](http://www.gbs-cidp.org)

### **Guillain-Barre Local Support Group:**

 336.765.9498 (Jeanette Lawson)

### **Victim2Victor, Winston Salem Burn Injury Support Group**


Email: [Henfrk2@gmail.com](mailto:Henfrk2@gmail.com) (Frank Hensley)

 [www.burnsupportnc.org](http://www.burnsupportnc.org)

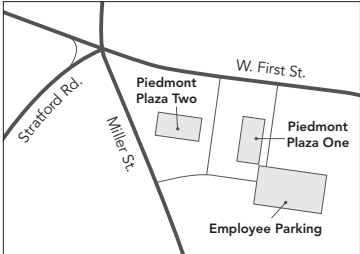
The Inpatient Rehabilitation Programs are pleased to offer a variety of resources individualized to your needs, throughout your stay. If you need assistance finding additional resources in your community:

Email: [Rehab4Life@advocatehealth.org](mailto:Rehab4Life@advocatehealth.org)

# Map and Driving Directions to the Sticht Center



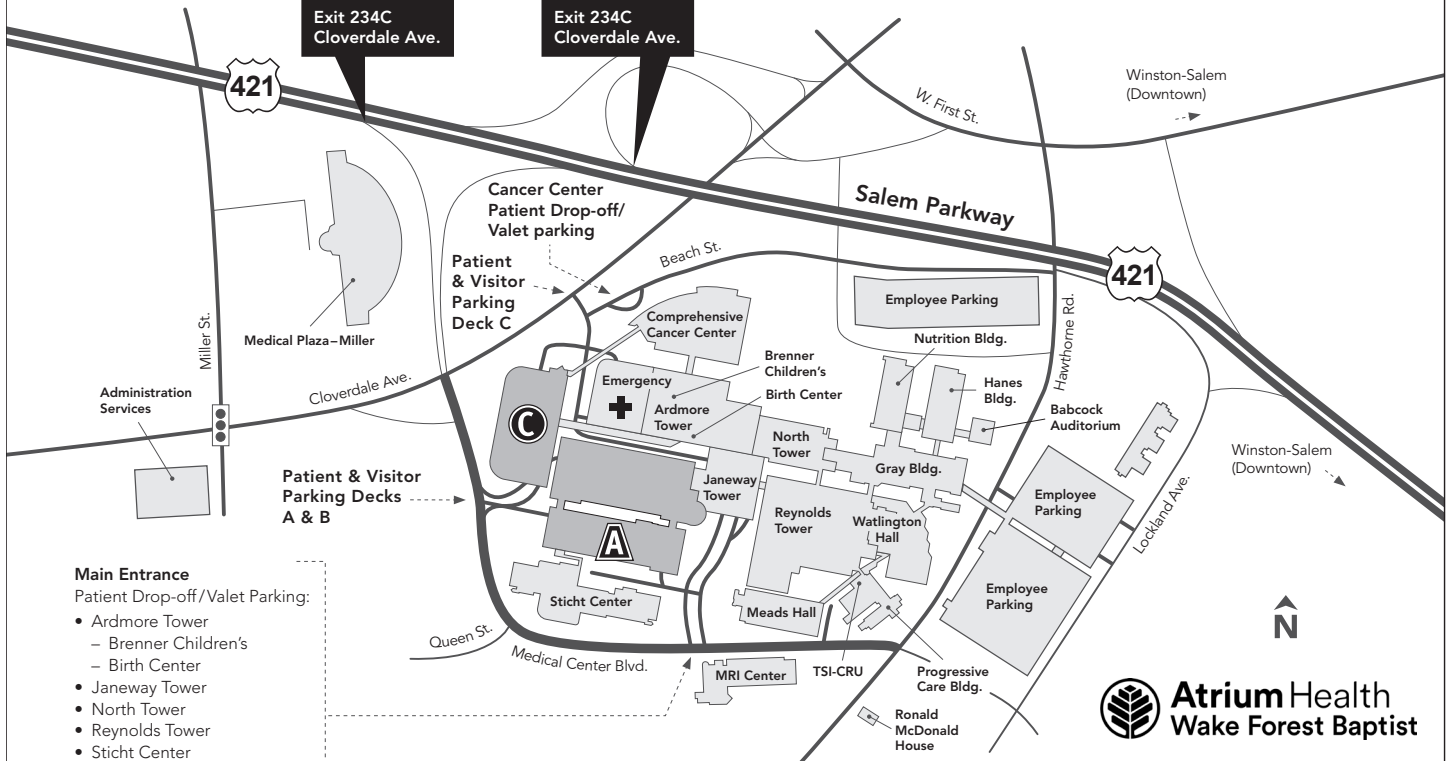
Piedmont Plaza One and Two are located 1 mile north of the Medical Center campus at the corner of Miller Street and West First Street.



**WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER**  
Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC

**Salem Parkway/U.S. 421 East**, take Exit 234C, Cloverdale Avenue. Go straight at light onto Medical Center Boulevard. Turn left into Patient & Visitor Parking Deck. For valet parking, go up hill and around curve to Main Entrance. Turn left. Go under building and straight ahead.

**Salem Parkway/U.S. 421 West**, take Exit 234C, Cloverdale Avenue. Turn right onto Cloverdale Avenue. At traffic light, turn left onto Medical Center Boulevard. Turn left again into Patient & Visitor Parking Deck. For valet parking, go up hill and around curve to Main Entrance. Turn left. Go under building and straight ahead.



**Exit 234C Cloverdale Ave.**

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**Main Entrance**  
Patient Drop-off / Valet Parking:

- Ardmore Tower
- Brenner Children's
- Birth Center
- Janeway Tower
- North Tower
- Reynolds Tower
- Sticht Center

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: Sharon Ali	336.713.8355
Rehabilitation Manager: Blair Davis	336.713.8065
Quality and Compliance Coordinator: Kara Doughton	336.713.8328

### Care Coordinators

Joy Watson	336.713.8815
Jamie Charvat	336.716.8024

### 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 or inquiries about rehab services: email [Rehab4Life@advocathealth.org](mailto:Rehab4Life@advocathealth.org)

Inpatient Rehabilitation Website:

[www.wakehealth.edu/Specialty/p/Physical-Medicine-and-Rehabilitation/Inpatient-Rehabilitation](http://www.wakehealth.edu/Specialty/p/Physical-Medicine-and-Rehabilitation/Inpatient-Rehabilitation)