

Scripps Advanced Care Clinic Now Open

The Scripps Advanced Care Clinic adjacent to Scripps Mercy Hospital in Hillcrest is now open to provide care to frail adults with multiple morbidities who lack social support. The clinic's goal is to ease the burden to physicians, who are often challenged with a lack of time and resources to care for these high-need patients.

The clinic's interdisciplinary, patient-centered team aims to bridge the process gaps through an evidence-based extensivist clinic model that ensures care coordination and patient advocacy across healthcare and home settings.

The Scripps Advanced Care Clinic's objectives, much like the objectives of the Scripps ACO, are to provide high-quality and value-based care. The goals are to lower costs by reducing ED visits and hospitalizations, improving quality measures tied to patient's functional status and quality of life, and improving the experience of patients and providers.

Key Features and Benefits

- Multidisciplinary, specialty-trained team which includes: Medical Director, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Pharmacists, Registered Nurse Case Manager, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Lead Clinical RN, and LVNs
- Extended visit times (up to 120 minutes) to accommodate physical/mental limitations, caregiver support, and group visits
- Medication management
- Coordination of non-clinical issues including housing, transportation, food insecurity and home care
- Addresses goals of care and advanced care planning
- 24/7 on-call provider available
- Same day/urgent needs appointments with telemedicine options available
- Ability to provide acute-need interventions in the clinic setting, such as, IV fluids, imaging, and injectable medications

The Scripps Advanced Care Clinic is located at 4020 Fifth Ave. in Hillcrest. For more information or to refer a patient please call **619-713-7974** or contact **Kathryn Hughlock, DNP** at hughlock.kathryn@scrippshealth.org.

Additional information on the new clinic can be found at:

<https://insidescripps.org/News/Pages/News-Article.aspx?articleId=3822>

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