



# River Park Hospital

## Senior Care Services

River Park Hospital believes in providing the best quality of care throughout the entirety of a person's life. Geriatric Psychiatry is a specialized field and we at River Park have a dedicated team of professionals who treats elderly adults with psychiatric issues. Diagnosing, caring and treatment of the older adults can be challenging. Sometimes co-occurring acute medical issues may preclude geriatric patients from receiving inpatient psychiatric care. Symptoms such as anxiety, depression, aggression, personality changes, delusions and hallucinations can all be caused or aggravated by medical disorders. Thus these medical conditions, that may mimic psychiatric symptoms, need to be ruled out prior to admission for psychiatric treatment. Geriatric patients with no prior psychiatric history or those with new onset symptoms should be assumed to have a medical cause for their symptoms until proven otherwise. River Park is available to provide a free psychiatric assessment, upon your referral of a patient's condition either at our facility or your place of business. Medical clearance will be our first objective and may include the need for the following information:

- History of presenting illness
- History of medical problems
- Laboratory Findings (CBC, Chemistry Profile, and Urinalysis) – performed within five days of referral
- Alcohol and Drug screenings
- CT of the head – only with focal neurological findings, recent head trauma/illness, sudden onset confusion or changes in mental status
- EKG
- Screening for medication toxicity, blood drug levels and/or adverse drug reactions
- Chest X-Ray

Medical problems will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Below is a list of medical conditions that may prevent admission including, but not limited to:

- Medical conditions requiring blood transfusions
- Recent head injury lacking workup
- Evolving CVA
- Recent MI requiring telemetry monitoring
- Uncontrolled Hypertensive Crisis
- Acute Drug Intoxication or overdose
- Acute fracture requiring surgical repair
- Unexplained fever
- Severe Dehydration
- Hepatic Encephalopathy
- Acute Renal Failure
- Unstable vital signs not related to history of chronic condition

- Acute infection in immunocompromised patients
- Active Varicella infection
- GI bleeding
- End Stage Liver Disease
- End Stage Renal Disease
- Receiving continuous IV fluids
- Communicable diseases requiring continuous specialized care
- Specialized post operative care
- Seizure within last 48 hours
- Moderate to severe Mental Retardation
- Delirium

River Park Hospital offers free psychiatric assessment 24/7 at our Huntington facility. A Senior Care Coordinator is also available to perform on-sight evaluations in the privacy of your office. We are also available to assist with your patient's admission planning and in obtaining the required consents. Please feel free to contact River Park Hospital for your patient's psychiatric assessment needs. At River Park Hospital we are dedicated to providing the best care for your patient and we appreciate your trust in us to do so.

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