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transforming the health of our community

Emergency services at
Asante Three Rivers Medical Center



Your gift enhances emergency services at Asante Three Rivers Medical Center

When faced with a medical emergency, you want expert care, immediately. The busiest Level III trauma center in Oregon, Asante Three Rivers Medical Center, serves Josephine County, the rural coastal areas of Coos and Curry counties, and rural parts of Douglas county. This is *the* place the community turns to to receive emergency care.

The Emergency Department at Asante Three Rivers was built to see 27,000 patients annually and they now treat over 41,000. While the care was always outstanding, patients and providers were limited by the outdated facility, impacting wait times and adequate space for patients and care teams. With the support of the community, the ED was renovated and expanded, fully opening in December 2020. Throughout the pandemic and beyond, the ED would not have been able to treat as many patients as it did without the expansion.

Thanks to the community, the expanded ED at Asante Three Rivers includes the following enhancements:

- Doubled square footage
- Additional patient beds, for a total of 30
- Two full-size trauma and resuscitation rooms
- Two state-certified “hold rooms” and four “flex rooms” for patients with behavioral health needs
- Nine rooms with negative pressure capabilities
- Improve technology for advanced care
- Expanded charge nurse stations, giving providers direct views into patient rooms
- Increased waiting area space for comfort and privacy
- Additional office space and work stations for ED staff

Watch a virtual tour from each phase of the expansion



<https://bit.ly/EDphase1>



<https://bit.ly/EDphase2>

A new helipad saves time, lives

When patients experience physical trauma or injury across Southern Oregon, they rely on emergency transportation to get them to the hospital as quickly as possible. Using a helicopter in urgent situations across Josephine County and beyond saves lives.

Previously, when patients were airlifted to or from Asante Three Rivers, helicopters had to land in the main driveway of the hospital. Facilities and security staff directed traffic to ensure the safety of both the hospital traffic and the helicopter crew, taking them away from their regular duties for hours. When the helicopters landed, they were on the opposite side of the hospital and a great distance from the ED. This inconvenience took up valuable time when transporting patients with medical emergencies who needed urgent access to time-sensitive interventions.

Recognizing time-critical illnesses and injuries and the impact of minimizing transport times, the community helped create a new and proper helipad on-site, adjacent to the Asante Three Rivers ED doors. Since the completion in 2021, the helipad has saved precious time, and more importantly, patients' lives.



Examples of previous emergency landings at Asante Three Rivers.



The new helipad, behind the ED.

"We see close to 600 trauma cases a year. For most traumas, time is critical to save a life. Having the helistop right outside our ED doors means we can start patient care faster."

- Chris David, MD, Emergency Department Medical Director

Philanthropy will continue to help Asante deliver life-saving services

Your generosity continues to support technology and programs within the walls of the ED, ensuring Josephine County receives the very best emergency care when they need it most. Local philanthropy plays a critical role in Asante's ability to care for our community and we are depending on the generosity and compassion of donors like you to make this possible.

Learn more about this AsanteForward initiative at:

www.asantefoundation.org/atrmc-emergency-dept/

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