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A. MEDICAL FACILITIES

The Warren Memorial Hospital, affiliated with Valley Health System, is a 196-bed non-profit community hospital and nursing home providing diagnostic, medical and surgical services for residents of Front Royal and Warren County, Virginia, and surrounding communities. A 120-bed long-term care facility, Lynn Care Center provides a home-like atmosphere and caring environment for residents. Warren Memorial Hospital is committed to the Planetree philosophy of patient-centered, personalized care.

The hospital, serving Front Royal, Warren County and surrounding communities, provides 24-hour Emergency Department services, inpatient and same-day surgical services, medical/surgical/pediatric care, obstetrical/gynecological care, physical therapy, home health services, intensive care, a progressive care unit, cardiopulmonary services, laboratory, radiology services and occupational health services. There are approximately 40 physicians on the hospital's medical staff, covering medical specialties such as obstetrics/gynecology, internal medicine, orthopedics, general surgery, family practice, urology, emergency medicine, pathology, radiology, anesthesiology, ophthalmology and otolaryngology (ENT).

An inpatient physical rehabilitation unit, sometimes called sub-acute care, is a joint venture between Warren Memorial and the Winchester Rehabilitation Center. The unit serves patients with recent physical disabilities, providing skilled nursing care and physical, occupational and/or speech therapy.

The BirthPlace maternity unit and Women's Care Center, located on the first floor, includes four LDRP (labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum) rooms, an eight-bed nursery, two rooms for post-cesarean delivery care, and two gynecology patient rooms.

The Emergency Department offers patient and ambulance entrances, waiting room, family room, triage and registration areas to MED-EXPRESS, trauma and cardiac treatment rooms. MED-EXPRESS, staffed by a nurse practitioner from 2 to 10 p.m. every day, serves patients with minor illnesses and injuries.

A new Same-Day Surgery unit for outpatient surgical, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures opened in 1995. Currently about 80% of all surgical procedures at Warren Memorial are performed on an outpatient basis, enabling patients to go home the same day. The Special Outpatient Unit, which serves patients needing short-term therapy or minor surgical procedures, is also located in Same-Day surgery.

Warren Memorial offers an Ambulatory Care Center (ACC), a 36,000 square-foot building that was constructed on the former Commonwealth Lumber site on Commerce Avenue. The hospital moved the following services into the first floor of the building – Occupational Health, Outpatient Physical and Occupational Therapy, general radiology equipment and a lab drawing station. The new facility makes services more accessible to the community as well as reduces the traffic flow on the hospital campus.

The second floor is designed for physician office space in anticipation of the need to recruit additional doctors to meet the community's needs.

The hospital offers community services including annual health fairs, a speaker's bureau, CPR classes, weekly blood pressure screening, and support groups for patients and families coping with diabetes, heart disease, cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

1. Public Health

The Warren County Health Department, through its Public Health Center located in Front Royal, provides a variety of clinical services on a general, limited basis, including pre-natal, well-child, family planning, dental care, x-ray, nutrition, and mental after-care services. Home health care services for the elderly, newborns, and chronically ill are also provided.

The County Public Welfare Department provides a wide range of comprehensive social services for County residents. It administers the Medicaid program and has been providing some social services for the hospital. It also administers such services as mental patient after-care, family consultation, family planning, health referral, and investigations of child neglect, child abuse, and child custody.

The Warren County fire departments provide rescue and ambulance service in the County. Currently, they have a combined total of 9 rescue vehicles and 1 boat.

2. Physicians and Dentists

In addition to the County's 60 doctors, Warren also has 8 dentists, all of whom practice in Front Royal.

3. Nursing Homes/Elder Care/Assisted Living

Care for the elderly is provided by Amerisist Assisted Living in Front Royal, Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Front Royal. It has 60 beds and is serviced by 55 employees. The Lynn Care Center, a part of Warren Memorial Hospital, is also operated to care for the elderly. It has 40 beds and it employs full-time and part-time hospital staff members. Other assisted living facilities include: Hidden Springs Senior Living in Bentonville; Loving Arms in Front Royal; and The Southerlands Retirement Community in Front Royal.

B. AREA HOSPITALS

1. Winchester Medical Center

Winchester, Virginia

Total Beds = 411
 Medical/Surgical = 263
 Physical Rehabilitation = 30
 Critical Care = 30
 Obstetric Unit = 22

Pediatric Unit = 20
Adult and Adolescent Psychiatric Unit = 46

2. University of Virginia Hospital

Charlottesville, Virginia

Total Beds = 579
Medical/Surgical = 381
General/Mixed Intensive Care = 133
Obstetric Unit = 42
Pediatric Unit = 52
Other = 11

3. Warren Memorial Hospital

Front Royal, Virginia

Total Beds = 131
Nursing Home Beds = 40
Medical/Surgical = 68
General/Mixed Intensive Care = 8
Obstetric Unit = 8
Skilled Nursing = 7