



*Thank you for being part of the journey in supporting our Award
Winning hospital!*

Estes Park Medical Group Receives the Guardian of Excellence Award

This annual award is granted to hospitals that consistently score in the top 95th percentile of performance in one out of five areas, including Patient Experience, Employee Engagement, Physician Engagement, or Clinical Quality. The staff at Estes Park Medical Group consistently scored in the top 95th percentile for Patient Experience from May 2013 through April 2014.

In 2012, Estes Park Medical Group was also the recipient of the Avatar Award for its 5-star service for Loyalty and Endorsement. This award is presented to hospitals and clinics with high scores for a particular type of patient in Avatar's National Database.



The Guardian of Excellence Award is presented by Press Ganey Associates, Inc., a leader in performance improvement.



Estes Park Medical Center Receives Recognition as a Leading Critical Access Hospital

Estes Park Medical Center was nominated by Colorado Rural Health Center for this award and was one of five hospitals across the nation chosen for consideration in 2014. EPMC received recognition for their advancements and innovation to expand care coordination, patient access, prevention and wellness, and community partnerships to improve citizen health. This recognition was developed by the National Rural Health Resource Center and the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy to recognize exemplary work in critical access hospitals.

“We were compelled to nominate Estes Park Medical Center, impart for their efforts regarding the new Estes Wellness Center, but also for their vision for a community that embraces the culture and principles of wellness,” said Michelle Mills, chief executive at Colorado Rural Health Center.

Estes Park Medical Center was also recognized for overall excellence in Quality, Outcomes, and Patient Satisfaction by iVantage Health Analytics in 2014



“This award is recognition of sustained excellence at Estes Park Medical Center,” said Brian Herwig Estes Park Medical Center Chief Executive Officer. “As the health care industry changes and evolves, our team of employees, physicians, Board, and volunteers continue to achieve excellent patient outcomes and patient satisfaction. “

A Story of Heart-Centered Caregiving

The need for caregivers is in huge demand. Elderly people are left independent as their kids move away and are too busy to be aware that their parents are not quite as “independent” as when they left for new horizons.

These geriatric individuals become so grateful and dependent on any assistance and companionship offered; but are still very set in their ways. Caregiving can be very enjoyable and self-satisfying, especially when you care for a variety of needs. Each individual has different abilities and needs that require unique caring tasks and services. These compassionate deeds will make emotions soar!

Home Health Care visits will take you such places ...

- Marvel at the lady with Alzheimer’s that forgot to eat, and she can’t find her teeth. After vanilla pudding and searching other food sources, her dentures are discovered in the freezer, of all places. “Oh my! Oh dear!”
- Feel good to assist the CHF patient, a gentleman with purple scaly legs that you help bathe since his balance is off and he needs ‘fall prevention’ stand-by. He may be embarrassed, but tell him it needs to be done.
- Give a warm healthy meal to a discouraged Arthritic patient that can no longer sew or crochet due to her gnarly, painful hands. Her home is filled with gorgeous afghans and quilts from the good ol’ days.
- Be glad to help the near-blind man clean up the crumbs that have fallen on the counter and floor that he doesn’t even know are there. Tap, Tap, Tap ... his walking stick will get to the door to invite you in.
- Then there’s the paraplegic girl woman born with defects, now bedridden for life. Although she is now 45, her brain stays at 10 or 12. She does not understand why she can’t get up and drive into town to get some more clip-on earrings.
- Moisten lips with a wet sponge and hold hands with a Hospice patient who is afraid to be alone. Help them be at peace.

What caregiving means to me is heart-pouring help that I can easily give to those who need, even throughout their trials. God has somehow given me this task, which I take on proudly. Every comfort-felt smile and hug is my receipt from content patients, and my true sense of triumph. After all, one day I will be “one of them”.

– Kristine Lafferty, CNA, Clinical Secretary - Estes Park Home Health Care and Hospice of the Estes Valley, 555 Prospect Ave, Estes Park, CO. 970-586-CARE

National Doctor's Day is March 30

National Doctor's Day began March 30, 1933 when Eudora Brown Almond, wife of Georgian doctor Dr. Charles B Almond, mailed cards and placed flowers on the graves of deceased doctors. In 1958, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a resolution commemorating Doctor's Day. Subsequently in 1990, the House and Senate approved the establishment of Doctor's Day, which President George H.W. Bush signed, henceforth designating March 30 as National Doctor's Day.

The Estes Park Medical Center Foundation invites you to join us in expressing our gratitude for these doctors' continued commitment to healing, our lives and our community. Thank you for supporting and appreciating the doctors who make our lives better! We are proud of our Award winning team!



A Community Celebration

June 6, 2015



**Celebrating 40
Years**

The Estes Park Medical Center Foundation was created to support equipment and excellent patient care for every patient, every family, every time. We have been doing this through generous donations for more than twenty-five years. Thank you for being a Friend of the Foundation and helping us to achieve our mission!

Ways to Give, Ways to Support

Secure Credit Card Online

<https://www.epmedcenter.com/foundation-and-giving.php>

Donation by Check

Checks can be made payable to Estes Park Medical Foundation and mailed to the Foundation at:

PO Box 3650

Estes Park, CO 80517

Donation by Electronic Funds Transfer

Please call the Foundation office at 970.577.4370 for instructions.

Securities, Planned Gifts, Matching Gifts, Real Estate, Charitable Trusts

Please call the Foundation office at 970.577.4370 for instructions.

Become a Volunteer

If you prefer to make a gift of your time and talents instead, we encourage you to explore the many options available. There is no shortage of meaningful volunteer opportunities for nearly every conceivable talent, skill, and passion.

If you have further questions or need more information, please contact Jill Anderson, Executive Director, at the Foundation Office, 970.577.4370