

Kewanee Hospital has been serving our community since 1919. We are proud of our strong community connection and look forward to many more years of dedicated and compassionate service. We are aware of the important role this Hospital plays in keeping our community healthy, ensuring access to many necessary health care services.

On February 1, 2003, Kewanee Hospital gained the designation of Critical Access Hospital (CAH), a status obtained through the Medicare system and administered through the State of Illinois. CAH status allows for up to 25 inpatients made up of any combination of acute-care, critical care, obstetric and swing beds (skilled care).

For 90 years we have kept pace with many innovations in health care. We offer a 24-hour physician-staffed emergency department, critical care/intensive care, adult and pediatric medical surgical care, and a family birthing center. W

e also offer inpatient and outpatient surgical and rehabilitation services, homecare and hospice services, as well as a wide range of diagnostic and therapeutic services.



Observation Admission



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Observation Admissions in the Emergency Department

Emergency Department (ED) patients sometimes require services and care beyond their ED visit.

These services might include:

- Further Testing (Labs, Stress Test, CT) Necessary to Diagnose
- Continued Therapy
- Management of Social Health Issues
- Management of Mental Health Issues

The purpose of observation admissions is for short-term treatment and to determine if you need to be admitted as an inpatient after your observation time frame has ended.

Your Medical Care

Please remember that you always have input on your medical care. If you have questions or concerns during your stay at Kewanee Hospital, please do not hesitate to ask your nurse or physician. Patient care is our number one priority and we are privileged to care for you.

Being Admitted as an Observation Patient

If the emergency department physician and your family physician decide you should be admitted as an Observation patient, you will be admitted to a private examination room located in the Emergency Department. However, you will no longer be considered an ED patient.

During your stay, either the ED physician or your family physician will care for you. You may receive medications and treatments, and the physician will order any home medications you need to take. **While in observation, Medicare and Medicaid may not pay for all of your medications during your stay.** Ask your nurse if you have any questions.

Any medication you receive during care in your home is not reimbursed by Medicare. Please bring your medications for evaluation by our emergency room physicians. If you bring your own medication to the ED, after examination by our pharmacy, you will be allowed to use your own medication in order to save on non-reimbursable expenses.

A call light is available for your use, should you require assistance. Our staff is dedicated to caring for you and ensuring your comfort as long as you are here.

During this admission time frame, the physician(s) will decide whether you will be discharged or admitted as an inpatient.



HEART 777 stands for **H**eat attack **E**mergencies and **R**apid **T**ransport. During **HEART 777** alerts, Kewanee Hospital's Emergency Department focuses on immediate evaluation and treatment and getting the patient to a facility that can admit the patient for rapid focused therapy.

The goal of this therapy is to get blood to the part of the heart that is starving for oxygen, thus decreasing the amount of damage to the heart and decreasing the potential for death.

Heart attacks and strokes are life-and-death emergencies. Every second counts if you experience any symptoms of either illness.

Kewanee Hospital works closely with other area hospitals in obtaining excellence in the treatment of acute heart attacks.

Please remember, calling 911 is the fastest way to get immediate treatment that can start even before your arrival to the hospital.

