

Implementation Strategy

Olympic Medical Center is responding to prioritized health needs through a series of steps referred to as an “implementation strategy.”

We cannot respond effectively to every health need in our community identified in this Community Health Needs Assessment. We have chosen our strategy based on analysis of our mission, our resources, existing services, financial considerations, community priorities and existing community resources.

The below items are supported by our 2019-2022 Strategic Plan.

Behavioral Health

- Continue, pursue and implement appropriate affiliation options, including via telemedicine, for behavioral health.
- Continue to ensure patient access to high-quality behavioral health specialist care through provider recruitment and retention.
- Partner with Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe to evaluate the feasibility of a 16-bed behavioral health evaluation and treatment facility in Sequim. Increase behavioral health treatment options throughout the community through collaborative work with local partners and expansion of OMC behavioral health services.

Substance Abuse

- Assure best practices are followed for use of opioids, reduce reliance on opioids when appropriate, provide effective pain management and expand options to safely address pain, and work together to help prevent overdoses and provide treatment pathways for those with substance use disorders.
- Support Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe’s efforts to open an outpatient Medication Assisted Treatment center in with wrap-around services for Clallam County residents experiencing substance abuse.

Chronic Disease Management

Diabetes, Heart Disease & Stroke

- Leverage evidence-based best practices for areas of high risk in health care: manage chronic conditions such as diabetes and heart failure, and ensure timely interventions for conditions such as stroke.
- Expand OMC’s wellness initiative by assessing expertise at OMC and locally; studying the science of lifestyle medicine, researching best practices, evaluating external speakers and programs, and identifying staff and provider wellness champions. Enhance OMC’s support of diabetes and heart disease prevention and education, the YMCA partnership, 5-2-1-0 and other current programs with the goal of preventing or reversing chronic disease.
- Continue, pursue and implement appropriate affiliation options, including via telemedicine, for cardiology, neurology and endocrinology.
- Work collaboratively with North Olympic Healthcare Network, Jamestown Family Health Clinic and other organizations to secure primary care access for community members without a current medical home in OMC’s service area.

Wellness

Nutrition, Physical Activity & Weight

- Expand OMC's wellness initiative by assessing expertise at OMC and locally; studying the science of lifestyle medicine, researching best practices, evaluating external speakers and programs, and identifying staff and provider wellness champions. Enhance OMC's support of diabetes and heart disease prevention and education, the YMCA partnership, 5-2-1-0 and other current programs with the goal of preventing or reversing chronic disease.

Access to Health Services

- Develop outreach initiatives to engage our community and elected officials in support of local healthcare to improve patient access:
 - Work to reverse CMS site neutral cuts to off-campus, hospital-based clinic services.
 - Continue and improve valuable programs to fill the current workforce needs and build the workforce of the future.
- Continue, pursue and implement appropriate affiliation options, including via telemedicine with a focus on needed specialty services.
- Continue to ensure patient access to high-quality specialist care through the Provider Recruitment and Retention Plan. Recruitment efforts will include hospital medicine, family medicine, cardiology, urology, oncology, psychiatry, gastroenterology, ENT, pain management and other approved specialties, as needed.
- Work collaboratively with North Olympic Healthcare Network, Jamestown Family Health Clinic and other organizations to secure primary care access for community members without a current medical home in OMC's service area.
- Continue advance care planning services and implement palliative care program with inpatient hospice beds and hospice services by the end of 2020.
- Develop and implement strategic goals to be completed by the end of 2020 for the following service lines: Olympic Medical Physicians, Olympic Medical Cancer Center, Olympic Medical Heart Center, diagnostic imaging, nutrition services and Olympic Medical Home Health.

Cancer

- Continue, pursue and implement appropriate affiliation options, including via telemedicine, with a focus on oncology.
- Continue to ensure patient access to high-quality oncology specialty care through provider recruitment and retention.
- Develop and implement strategic goals to be completed by the end of 2020 for Olympic Medical Cancer Center.