

## SHEPHERD CENTER,

located in Atlanta, Georgia, is a private, not-for-profit

hospital specializing in medical treatment, research and rehabilitation for people with spinal cord injury, brain injury, stroke, multiple sclerosis, spine and chronic pain, and other neuromuscular conditions. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Shepherd Center among the top rehabilitation hospitals in the nation.

More than 500 U.S. hospitals, including major trauma centers, refer their patients to Shepherd Center because they know we provide excellent care that is the rehabilitation equivalent to Level I trauma centers in terms of treating the most complex injuries. Our outcomes are among the best for rehabilitation hospitals in the United States.

One of our co-founders, James H. Shepherd, Jr., once said that Shepherd Center is the bridge between “I can’t” and “I can.” Enhanced by our length of stay, Shepherd Center patients have an individualized rehabilitation experience that brings healing and hope to them and their families. Shepherd Center’s stated mission is to help people with a temporary or permanent disability rebuild their lives with hope, independence and dignity.

Patients and their families come to Shepherd Center from around the nation, and even the world, to receive specialized rehabilitation care.

## Why Choose Shepherd Center

- › When it comes to functional and medical improvements, our patients are more independent in their daily lives and have better outcomes than the national average.
- › Because we are a specialized, rather than a general, rehabilitation facility, we treat a younger patient population facing a complex set of medical issues.
- › Our staff’s specialization in treating spinal cord and brain injury, including stroke, has enabled staff members to develop higher levels of expertise and achieve better results for those we serve.
- › Shepherd Center offers a comprehensive continuum of care – from evaluation, intensive care and medical treatment to rehabilitation, post-acute and outpatient care, and lifelong support programs.

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James H. Shepherd Jr., Co-Founder



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- › A specialized, interdisciplinary team of highly trained, certified and experienced rehabilitation professionals designs a tailored, state-of-the-art treatment plan for each patient.
- › Patients can participate in research and undergo treatments that gain insight from innovative and ongoing, clinic-based research.
- › Treatment plans incorporate the use of a wide array of advanced therapeutic and assistive technologies.
- › Intensive, advanced therapies promote recovery, restoration and lifelong wellness.
- › Our comprehensive care focuses on family and patient education and training to maximize recovery and address all areas of care required for the specific injury
- › Because family support is essential to patients, Shepherd Center provides up to 30 days of housing to families of newly injured rehabilitation patients if both the patient and family live more than 60 miles from the hospital.
- › Peer support liaisons and volunteers with similar injuries also offer a wealth of information and experience to patients and families.
- › Shepherd Center offers extensive recreation therapy and adaptive sports programs.
- › Shepherd Center staff members assist with the transition back to home, work and school, and serve as ambassadors to help patients navigate their journey over a lifetime.

## How to Make a Referral

Referrals to Shepherd Center can be made by a physician, hospital discharge planner or social worker, an insurance company or worker’s compensation case manager, or a patient’s family member.

Our staff of access case managers can begin the admission process anywhere in the United States within 24 hours of referral. We offer this service free of charge and often serve as the referring facility’s primary educator and resource for family members.

Patients can be admitted from an acute-care hospital (including ICU-to-ICU transfer), sub-acute care, LTACH facility, nursing home or from the person’s home (following an evaluation in our outpatient clinic).



## Contact our Admissions Department

### ONLINE

Submit a referral inquiry via our online form at [shepherd.org/refer-a-patient](https://shepherd.org/refer-a-patient).

### BY PHONE OR FAX

#### Inpatient Referrals:

Call **404-350-7345**  
or fax **404-603-4504**  
(8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday-Friday).

#### Outpatient Referrals:

Call **404-352-2020**  
(8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Monday-Friday).





## Support Shepherd Center

### HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As a not-for-profit hospital, Shepherd Center relies on philanthropic support from individuals, families, corporations and foundations.

Donations help fund patient care programs, patient equipment, family housing, special and capital projects, technology and educational programs. These projects and programs are the reason Shepherd Center is the top destination for neurorehabilitation.

To learn how you can contribute in a variety of ways, visit the Shepherd Center Foundation online at [shepherd.org/giving](https://shepherd.org/giving).

## Visit Us

To become more familiar with Shepherd Center and the team that will care for your loved one, we encourage your family to tour the hospital before patient admission.

### VIDEO TOUR

You can learn more about our patient care programs in the video series at [shepherd.org/video-tour](https://shepherd.org/video-tour).

### FAMILY TOURS

To arrange a private tour, call Shepherd Center Admissions at **404-350-7345**.

### COMMUNITY TOURS

The Shepherd Center Foundation conducts monthly tours of the hospital. Community members are welcome to attend. For more information, call **404-367-1351**.

## Location

Shepherd Center is located five miles north of downtown Atlanta in the Buckhead community. Shepherd Center is approximately 30 minutes from Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and accessible by public transportation.

For directions, visit [shepherd.org/location](https://shepherd.org/location).



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# HOPE is HERE

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