

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR THE SJPVH SUB-ACUTE UNIT (SAU):

A SAU generally includes two types of patients: Those who are receiving short-term rehabilitation to recover from an injury or illness while also weaning from a ventilator or tracheostomy and those with long-term multiple medical problems / illnesses or brain injuries who need respiratory support.

- We accept referrals for medically-stable individuals 18 years of age or older.
- Generally speaking, patients should have a trach and PEG to be considered for admission
- Patients without a trach or PEG who have health plans or HMOs (including Medi-Cal HMOs such as Gold Coast) may be considered on a case by case basis when the health plan is willing to provide coverage for SAU because SNFs cannot offer the required care.
- Patients with a Stage IV pressure ulcer are considered on a case by case basis
- We are unable to accept:
 - Patients under the age of 18
 - Patients requiring dialysis – peritoneal or hemodialysis
 - Patients greater than 400 lbs (or those who have a height / weight ratio that would cause safety issues)

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR OUR SAU:

Eligibility Criteria	To qualify for the sub-acute program, the patient must require one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Tracheostomy care with continuous mechanical ventilation for at least 50% of the day; or 2) Tracheostomy care with suctioning and room air mist or oxygen as needed, and one of the six treatment procedures listed below.
Treatment Procedures	Treatment procedures includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Tube feeding (gastrostomy) 2) Total parenteral nutrition (TPN) 3) Inpatient PT, OT and/or ST: At least 2 hours per day, 5 days per week 4) RT treatments every shift with a <u>minimum of four times per 24-hour period</u> 5) I.V. therapy involving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continuous administration of a therapeutic agent, or ○ The need for hydration, or ○ Frequent intermittent I.V. drug administration via a peripheral and/or central line (for example, with Heparin lock) 6) Wound debridement, packing and medicated irrigation with or without whirlpool treatment

FUNDING SOURCES FOR PATIENT STAYS IN SAU:

We are funded by a variety of commercial, public and private funding sources.

- ⇒ Workmens' Compensation
- ⇒ Medi-Cal or Medi-Cal HMOs
- ⇒ *Private health plans (i.e. BC / Anthem or BS, depending on the sub-acute benefit available)
- ⇒ *Medicare

* **Note:** For patients with Medicare or private health plans, Medi-Cal is required to provide payment beyond Medicare's 100 day benefit or to cover beyond the health plan coverage. ***It is important to, at minimum, have the Medi-Cal application in place at the time of the evaluation for the sub-acute unit.***