

Regional Pulse: Spotlight on Hospitals & Healthcare

OSF Saint Anthony’s offers expert critical care

No one likes to come to the hospital emergency department, because it can be a scary and unsettling experience. That is why having a great community emergency department is so important — one designed to deliver the absolute best care possible in every emergency without a long wait.

At OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony’s Health Center in Alton, that starts with ensuring our experienced, board-certified emergency medicine physicians provide the highest level of professional care. They’re backed by an advanced practice provider and a team of skilled registered nurses and emergency room technicians. OSF Saint Anthony’s works with Schumacher (SCP Health) Emergency Physicians, a nationally recognized provider of emergency services for over five decades.

OSF Saint Anthony’s collaborates with SSM Health to provide best-in-class stroke care for Riverbend residents. That means around-the-clock telemedicine consultation with neuro-interventional physicians for timely and comprehensive stroke diagnosis, care and referrals for interventions. The hospital achieved The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals recognition and accreditation as a Primary Stroke Center and the American Heart Association Gold Plus Award for Stroke. Only top-performing hospitals are awarded these accreditations and recognitions.

The OSF Saint Anthony’s emergency department has continuous access to neurology specialties both with staff neurologists and by telemedicine.

Additionally, SSM Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital provides 24/7 consulta-

tion for OSF Saint Anthony’s emergency department physicians for pediatric care. Riverbend parents can be assured their children’s care is being informed by expert pediatric subspecialty providers – without having to make the trip to St. Louis for care. OSF Saint Anthony’s emergency physicians use SSM Cardinal Glennon’s clinical guidelines and pathways for treating children to provide the highest level of pediatric care in the greater Riverbend community.

The OSF Saint Anthony’s team knows when it comes to heart attacks, time is muscle. We collaborate with SSM Health St Louis University Hospital for best-in-class heart care. SSM SLUH provides fellowship-trained cardiologists to provide coverage and consultation with emergency physicians for cardiology conditions ranging from heart attacks to congestive heart failure to atrial fibrillation. Both the OSF Saint Anthony’s emergency physicians and SSM SLUH cardiologists have years of experience treating patients with serious heart conditions.

“OSF Saint Anthony’s provides an exceptional experience. From the moment patients arrive in the emergency department, OSF Saint Anthony’s understands the importance of excellent clinical care and treating patients the way we would want to be treated. We know time matters, and we get you through your ER visit promptly without delay,” said Dr Gregory D. Folkert, MD, FA-CEP, Medical Director, Emergency Services.

At OSF Saint Anthony’s, we’re committed to our neighbors and the community where we live and work. We treat those who seek our care with dignity, respect, and the greatest care and love.



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