

Myth

The Five Star Quality Rating that was produced by CMS provides an accurate snapshot of the care that all nursing facilities provide.

Fact

The Five Star Quality Rating is not adjusted for variances between states or a nursing facility's unique population. Specialized facilities, such as South Davis Community Hospital (SDCH) are not accurately represented by this rating system.

Myth

South Davis Community Hospital is the same as any other nursing home in Utah.

Fact

South Davis Community Hospital is a campus that provides a variety of services in addition to skilled nursing ("nursing home"). These services include assisted living; home health and hospice; long term acute care; orthopedic rehabilitation; pediatric transitional care; and care for individuals with dementia. The campus cares for many individuals with complex medical needs, such as ventilator dependency, paralysis, and advanced wounds.

Myth

Patients at SDCH do not receive specialized or individualized healthcare services.

Fact

SDCH employs and contracts with a range of healthcare providers to meet the complex needs of our clients. These include, but are not limited to nurses, respiratory therapists, physical therapists, speech therapists, occupational therapists, and wound care specialists. The team works together to coordinate individualized care that best meets the unique needs of each client.

Myth

SDCH does not actively participate in programs that improve the quality of care that residents receive.

Fact

SDCH participates in a variety of quality improvement programs, including *HealthInsight* and the American Health Care Association's Quality Program. SDCH also has several internal initiatives to improve quality, such as call light response times and medication storage.

Myth

People who are admitted to SDCH are too sick to ever be able to return home.

Fact

A unique discharge plan is created for each person who is admitted to SDCH. The team's goal is to assist the individual in improving his/her function and living in the least restrictive environment possible.