



**SAN ANTONIO
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**SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL HOSPITAL EARNS GERIATRIC ED ACCREDITATION
FOR SENIOR-FOCUSED EMERGENCY SERVICES**

UPLAND, CA, November 16, 2023 – The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), with support from The Gary and Mary West Health Institute and John A. Hartford Foundation, has granted San Antonio Regional Hospital Level 3 Geriatric Emergency Department (GED) accreditation because of the hospital’s outstanding efforts to provide the highest standards of care to the community’s senior population.

The GEDA accreditation program is the culmination of years of progress in emergency care of older adults. In 2014, ACEP along with the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, Emergency Nurses Association, and American Geriatrics Society, developed and released geriatric ED guidelines, recommending measures ranging from adding geriatric-friendly equipment to specialized staff, to more routine screening for delirium, dementia, and fall risk, among other vulnerabilities.

The voluntary GEDA program, which includes three levels similar to trauma center designations, provides specific criteria and goals for emergency clinicians and administrators to target. The accreditation process provides more than two dozen best practices for geriatric care. San Antonio voluntarily sought accreditation status to:

- Improve patient outcomes
- Provide standardized approaches to care that address common geriatric issues
- Ensure optimal transitions of care from the ED to other settings (inpatient, home, community-based care, rehabilitation, long-term care)
- Improve emergency department throughput
- Make a positive impact on the bottom line
- Support geriatric-focused quality improvement

“San Antonio Regional Hospital is dedicated to providing our older patients with well-coordinated, quality care,” commented Thomas Cho, MD, Medical Director of the Emergency Department at San Antonio Regional Hospital. “Our geriatric patients often have complex medical and psychosocial care needs. As an accredited geriatric ED, we are able to implement best practice care standards to specifically address the unique needs of this patient population.”

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About San Antonio Regional Hospital

[San Antonio Regional Hospital](#) in Upland, California is a 363-bed, nonprofit, acute care hospital that combines excellent clinical care with exceptional compassion. The award-winning hospital offers a comprehensive range of general medical and surgical services, along with the latest technological advances in cardiac care, cancer care, orthopedics, neurosciences, women’s health, maternity and neonatal care, and emergency services. Founded in 1907, with only 18 beds and 5 physicians, San Antonio Regional Hospital is continually growing with its community and is now recognized as a premier regional medical facility with satellite locations across the rapidly expanding Inland Empire. Given its broad geographic reach and the depth and breadth of its services and programs, supported by the latest medical science and technology, San Antonio is a hospital of the future, offering state-of-the-art healthcare services in a healing environment focused on the patient and family.