Dear Guests,
I am pleased to welcome you to Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital.

Houston Methodist Sugar Land has served Fort Bend and surrounding counties since 1998. Residents have come to rely on us to deliver high-quality, compassionate care and leading-edge technology that was once available only at Houston Methodist Hospital in the Texas Medical Center.

During your time with us, you may have questions about the hospital, your stay or the many services we offer patients and guests. This patient information guide has been written and designed to help answer those questions.

We understand hospitalization can be a stressful time for patients and their families. Rest assured that we are here to assist you. Please feel free to contact our guest relations department at 281.274.7806 to let us know how we can make your stay with us more comfortable.

Thank you for choosing Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital.

Sincerely,

Chris Siebenaler
CEO, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Regional Senior Vice President, Houston Methodist

Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital

Mission
To provide high-quality, cost-effective health care that delivers the best value to the people we serve in a spiritual environment of caring in association with internationally recognized teaching and research.

Vision
Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital is the premier hospital in the Fort Bend community that provides exemplary care through the loving hands and hearts of top-quality physicians and staff. We promise to cultivate a safe, spiritual and healing environment.

Values Statement: I CARE
Integrity: We are honest and ethical in all we say and do.
Compassion: We embrace the whole person and respond to emotional, ethical and spiritual concerns as well as physical needs.
Accountability: We hold ourselves accountable for our actions.
Respect: We treat every individual as a person of worth, dignity and value.
Excellence: We strive to be the best at what we do and a model for others to emulate.
Campus Map
Main Pavilion  
**LEVEL ONE**  
Admitting  
Breast Care Center  
Conference Center  
Emergency Department  
Garden Cafe  
Heart & Vascular Center  
Main Imaging  
Starbucks®  
Surgery Registration  
**LEVEL TWO**  
Dialysis  
Endoscopy  
Surgery Waiting Area  
Prayer Room  
Preadmission Testing  
Starbucks®  
Surgical ICU Rooms M201-M220  
**LEVEL FOUR**  
Patient Rooms M401-M456  
**LEVEL FIVE**  
Patient Rooms M501-M556  
**LEVEL SIX**  
Patient Rooms M601-M656  
Brazos Pavilion  
**LEVEL ONE**  
Chapel  
Conference Center  
Gift Shop  
**LEVEL TWO**  
Medical ICU Rooms B221-B240  
**LEVEL THREE**  
Administration  
**LEVEL FOUR**  
Patient Rooms B470-B496  
**LEVEL FIVE**  
Patient Rooms B570-B596  
**LEVEL SIX**  
Patient Rooms B670-B696  
Sweetwater Pavilion  
**LEVEL ONE**  
Admitting  
Chapel  
Gift Shop  
Human Resources  
Lab (Houston Methodist)  
Muslim Prayer Room  
Outpatient Imaging  
Starbucks®  
**LEVEL THREE**  
Childbirth Center  
Neonatal ICU  
Patient Rooms S301-S375  
Postpartum  
Cancer Center  
**LEVEL ONE**  
Radiation Therapy  
**LEVEL TWO**  
Infusion Center (Oncology)  
Medical Office Bldg. 1  
16651 Southwest Fwy.  
**LEVEL FOUR**  
Weight Management Center  
Medical Office Bldg. 2  
16659 Southwest Fwy.  
**LEVEL ONE**  
IV Therapy  
**LEVEL FIVE**  
Medical Records  
Medical Office Bldg. 3  
16605 Southwest Fwy.  
**LEVEL ONE**  
Appointment Scheduling  
Neuroscience & Spine Center  
Walgreens Pharmacy  
Wound Care Program  
**LEVEL TWO**  
Lab (Houston Methodist, LabCorp, Quest)  
Medical Staff Services  
Orthopedics & Sports Medicine  
16811 Southwest Fwy.  
**LEVEL ONE**  
Rehabilitation Services  
**LEVEL TWO**  
Orthopedic Injury Clinic  
Physician Offices
Getting Admitted
Your doctor manages your admission to the hospital and the care you receive. Once you are in your room, your nurse will help you get familiar with your surroundings and tell you what to expect during your stay, including the plan of care and the expected length of stay. Your nurse will review this plan of care and specific goals with you daily, and will include your loved ones when possible.

Patient Rooms
We want your stay to be as comfortable as possible. You will find the following in your room:

- Communication board with information about your nurse and your care plan for the day
- Television with a controller attached to your bed
- Furniture for guests to sit and stay overnight
- Space for storage
- Emergency pull cords or buttons in the restroom, next to the toilet and in the shower

For your comfort, you may:

- Adjust the temperature in your room
- Adjust your bed using the buttons on the side
- Ask your nurse for additional blankets or pillows
- Ask your nurse for toiletries if needed

Housekeeping staff will clean your room daily, and the nursing staff will change bed linens. If your room needs more attention, please ask your nurse to contact our housekeeping or maintenance staff.

Nursing Activity in Your Room
Your nurse or a nursing assistant will stop by your room hourly to check on you and ask if you need anything. At the start and end of every shift, your current nurse and the next nurse in charge of your care will come into your room to discuss your condition and care goals for the next shift. You may also receive a visit from the charge nurse.

Calling Your Nurse
You may press the call button on the controller attached to your bed, and a unit secretary will route your concerns to your nurse or patient care assistant. To reach your nurse directly, call the number on the communication board.
Your Health Care Team
In addition to your doctors and nurses, many professionals may make up your health care team.

Registered dietitians may review your medical record and work with your health care team to develop a nutrition care plan. Dietitians are available for education and questions.

Physical therapists, occupational therapists and/or speech pathologists may be consulted by your health care team to identify resources you may need to continue your recovery after you leave the hospital.

Pharmacists are on duty 24/7 and review your medication list regularly to ensure medication safety.

Case managers are nurses who help with discharge planning, including home care, transfer to another health care facility, or arranging for medical equipment.

Social workers offer emotional support, counseling and guidance to help patients and families with financial, social and emotional challenges, as well as lifestyle adjustments, due to a change in health.

Chaplains are available to help you address your emotional and spiritual needs. They can talk with you directly, or they can assist you in contacting a representative of your faith.

Pain Management
Managing your pain is one of our key goals while you're here. We want to make sure you're as comfortable as possible. You are the only one who can measure your pain. Please tell your nurse or doctor when you experience any level of pain. We are committed to responding to your pain quickly and to helping you prevent pain when we can.

At Houston Methodist, we use the scale to the right to help patients communicate their pain level. This scale is also located on the communication board in your room.

Hospital Pharmacy
The Houston Methodist Pharmacy Department is committed to partnering with you to meet all your medication needs. We can answer any questions you have about your prescribed medications.

The hospital pharmacy will:
• Provide all medications your doctor orders during your stay
• In some situations, we may need to provide medications you bring from home
• Work with your doctor to choose other medications if an ordered medication is not in stock
• Not dispense or provide non-FDA regulated herbal supplements

Wong-Baker FACES®
Pain Rating Scale

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During Your Stay

Biomedical Ethics
Decisions in the modern health care setting are getting more and more complicated, which can seem overwhelming. An ethics consultation, or discussion, helps patients and doctors determine which decisions or actions are most appropriate. Ethics consultations can help provide guidance in areas of uncertainty. An ethics consultation is a service available to all patients, families and health care professionals in the hospital at no charge. You might consider requesting an ethics consultation when you find yourself asking, “What’s the right thing to do here?”, or when you have questions about how to interpret an advance directive. We can also address concerns or questions regarding treatment decisions at the end-of-life, or refusing or removing life-sustaining treatment.

If you would like to talk with a member of Houston Methodist’s bioethics consultation services team, please ask your nurse to page the ethics consultant on call.

Guest Relations
A team of patient liaisons is available to help patients and visitors with any questions, concerns or special requests that may arise during their hospital stay. A liaison is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. You may reach the patient liaison team at 281.274.7806.

Spiritual Care
Regardless of your religion or faith, Houston Methodist’s Department of Spiritual Care and Values Integration strives to provide you with resources to fulfill your spiritual needs while in the hospital. Our staff chaplains, volunteer lay ministers, Catholic Eucharistic ministers and volunteers work together to offer 24/7 spiritual support and resources, including Bibles (in English, Spanish and additional languages), other sacred texts, prayer, bereavement support and more.

Our chapel and other sacred spaces are open 24/7. Please see the map on page 4 for locations.

If you have an urgent need, call your nurse or the hospital operator and ask for the on-call chaplain. You may also call 281.274.7164.

Volunteer Services
Volunteers are a key part of our hospital. They contribute their time, services and energy to help you have a more pleasant stay. You will find them throughout the hospital. They are happy to serve you, so let them know if they can help.

Most volunteer programs are accessible Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Some include after hours from 5 to 9 p.m. and weekends.

For more information or to find out how our volunteers can help you, visit houstonmethodist.org/volunteer or call 281.274.7127.

Food Services
Houston Methodist Sugar Land offers a unique food service we call “Just For You” room service, which is available between 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week. This service allows you to order your meal when you are hungry. Food arrival time is approximately 45 minutes. Please call 281.274.8360 for this service. A full-time dietitian is on staff to ensure any special nutritional needs are met. For questions or concerns regarding food service, please call the patient food services manager at 281.274.7919.

Guest trays are available for your visitors for $12 per meal (breakfast, lunch, dinner). Guest trays are brought to the patient’s room and each guest tray consists of a standard regular service meal. Guest trays are not permitted in the ICU. Please call 281.274.8360 for this service.
All patient rooms are outfitted with flat screen televisions and a DVD player. If your room does not have a remote control for the DVD player and you would like one, please let your nurse know. Please be considerate of others by keeping the TV volume down and turning it off at bedtime.

8    FOX 26
9    CW39
10   UPN MY20
11   CBS
12   NBC
13   ABC
14   Univision
15   Telemundo
16   The Weather Channel
17   Christian TV
18   Church
19   In-House Chapel
20   Travel Channel
21   Newborn Info.
22   FOX News
23   CNN Breaking News
24   AT&T Sports
25   Clue TV/Sleuth
26   Investigation Discovery
27   FOX Sports
28   ESPN
29   ESPN 2
30   ESPN News
31   ESPN University
32   NFL Network
33   HGTV
34   Game Show Network
35   USA
36   TNT
37   TBS
38   AMC
39   Discovery
40   TLC
41   Animal Planet
42   National Geographic
43   PBS 8
44   Nickelodeon
45   Disney Jr.
46   ABC Family
47   OWN
48   Hallmark
49   Oxygen
50   WE
51   FOOD
52   A&E
53   SYFY
54   TRUTV
55   Science
56   Lifetime
57   Reelz
58   Ovation
59   FX Movies
60   TVLAND
61   FX
62   FYI
63   History
64   History 2
65   BRAVO
66   E!
67   ENCORE
68   ENCORE Westerns
AUX 1   DVD Player
Find a Doctor
If you would like help finding a primary care doctor or specialist, please call 281.274.7500.

Schedule Imaging Appointments Online
Houston Methodist offers online scheduling for mammograms, CT scans, ultrasounds and more. Visit houstonmethodist.org/appointments to schedule your imaging appointment.

When your condition improves or changes, you will be discharged from the hospital to return home or transfer to another health care facility.

What to Expect During Discharge
When your doctor says you are ready for discharge, many people go to work behind the scenes to get you ready for home or your next health care destination. Our staff will make every effort to discharge you early in the day. Your nurse will lead the charge in getting the doctor to sign important documents, working to get necessary medical equipment and prescriptions ordered, and other necessary actions. You should begin gathering your belongings, arranging transportation, and preparing to leave. This process may take several hours, and we appreciate your patience as we ensure the best transition for the next phase of your healing and recovery.

Within 24 hours after discharge (or Monday if discharged Friday or Saturday), you will receive a two-minute automated phone call from us, asking if you have any questions or concerns about your health status. If you indicate you'd like to speak with us, a care team member will contact you directly to address your needs.

Before You Go
- Ask your nurse to call a case manager if you have questions or concerns about your discharge plan or care after your hospital stay, including medical equipment you may need during your recovery
- Ask your nurse to return any medications you brought from home
- Make sure you have someone available to pick you up or go with you to the health care facility where you’ll be admitted — and talk to your nurse about an anticipated time
- Check every space in your hospital room and restroom for personal belongings

Patient Satisfaction Survey
After you leave the hospital, you will receive a patient satisfaction survey in the mail from Houston Methodist. To ensure your privacy, this survey is conducted by an independent third party. Please take the time to complete and return the survey. We will use your feedback to improve the care and services we provide.

At Home
Once you are home, remember to continue working to improve your health. Keep up with medications, diet, activity, incision care and follow-up appointments or care.

Follow-Up Appointments
If your doctor or nurse ordered additional tests, therapy or follow-up appointments, it is important to schedule them quickly. Call your primary care doctor to notify him/her about your hospitalization and plan of care.
Outpatient Care
Houston Methodist will file with your insurance company for outpatient hospital charges. Be sure to ask your doctor about special preparations for these procedures.

You are encouraged to register for outpatient procedures in person at least two days before your procedure.

Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
16655 Southwest Fwy.
Main Pavilion

Patient Portal: Houston Methodist MyChart
Houston Methodist MyChart provides you convenient, online access to portions of your health records — from home or wherever and whenever you need. With Houston Methodist MyChart, you or your designee can:

- Review your visit summary: View clinical discharge summaries with prescription and follow-up notes
- Access test results sooner: See your results and doctor’s comments when they’re available.
- Pay your Houston Methodist bills securely: Review your medical bills and send secure payments online

To sign up for Houston Methodist MyChart, visit houstonmethodist.org/mychart and select “Sign Up Now.” An activation code may be provided at admitting, during registration, on your after-visit summary, or on your billing statement.

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Houston Methodist MyChart is also available as an app for mobile devices. Download the app from Apple App Store or Google Play.

For more information or help with your account activation, please call 832.667.5694.

Continued Care
You may require home health care, which means a nurse, therapist or other health care professional will visit you at home to continue care.

If you need further inpatient care, you may be transferred to a facility such as:

- Inpatient rehabilitation – dedicated to physical rehabilitation
- Long-term acute care hospital – provides intensive medical and rehabilitative care for patients with complex needs, usually for 18-25 days
- Nursing home – residential, 24/7 nursing care
- Hospice – focuses on comfort and quality of life for terminal patients

Long-Term Acute Care Hospital
Houston Methodist Continuing Care Hospital proudly serves the Greater Houston area, focusing on the needs of patients who need extended hospital care. Located in Katy, west of the Texas Medical Center, we are committed to providing our patients high quality and safety, with a central focus on the patient and family.

Our unique approach combines a comprehensive, interprofessional team of specialty doctors, nurses, therapists and other health care providers that works with the family to get the outcomes the patient needs.

houstonmethodist.org/continuing-care

Main hospital: 832.522.7550
Referral line: 832.522.5822
Patient Financial Responsibilities

Billing
Your hospital bill includes the cost of your room, meals, 24/7 nursing care, laboratory work, tests, medications, therapy and the services of hospital employees. You will receive a separate bill for professional services, including doctors, radiologists, pathologists and others, incurred during your stay.

The hospital is responsible for submitting bills to your insurance company and will do everything possible to expedite your claim. Your policy is a contract between you and your insurance company. You have the final responsibility for payment of your hospital bill.

**Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital**
16655 Southwest Fwy.
Sugar Land, TX 77479
281.274.7000

How to Settle Your Bill
Before you leave, we ask that you pay your co-payment, deductible and/or co-insurance. If Patient Access Services has not cleared you, please check on your account by asking to speak with a financial counselor. You can also stop by the cashier’s office before you leave, which is located in the lobby of the main pavilion.

Payment can be made by cash, personal check, MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover or traveler’s checks.

Affiliated Providers
Upon admission or services rendered at any Houston Methodist facility, you or your legal representative must assume some or all of the following responsibilities:

- You or your legal representative can accrue billing from the hospital, the doctors and affiliated entities
- If you have surgery, you can accrue billing from the surgeon and an independent surgical assistant
- The affiliates listed at right are contracted with various insurance plans and may not be covered under your individual plan. Please check with affiliates to determine if they are contracted

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**Houston Method**
Pathology Associates
P.O. Box 4701
Houston, TX 77210-4701
800.874.1705

**Houston Radiology**
Associated (HRA)
2190 N. Loop West, Suite 250
Houston, TX 77018
281.206.9050

**Emergigroup Physician**
Associates
P.O. Box 24125
Fort Worth, TX 76124-1125
800.378.4134 or
817.451.4208

**U.S. Anesthesia Partners**
1500 City West Blvd., Suite 300
Houston, TX 77042
855.877.2810

**MASTOS Imaging**
P.O. Box 4109
Houston, TX 77210-4109
713.426.4010

**Texas Children’s Physician**
Services Organization
P.O. Box 4984
Houston, TX 77210-4984
832.824.2300 or
800.722.2570
Insurance
As a service to our customers, Houston Methodist will forward a claim to your commercial insurance carrier based on the information you provide at registration. It is important for you to provide all related information, such as policy number, group number and the correct mailing address for your insurance company. Claims will be filed for inpatient and outpatient hospital charges approximately three to five days after discharge.

Visit [houstonmethodist.org](http://houstonmethodist.org) for an updated list of our managed care plans.

If you have questions or need further information while you are still in the hospital, please call patient access services at 281.274.7000.

If you have questions after your discharge, call the Houston Methodist Centralized Business Office at 832.667.5900.

Medicare
Houston Methodist is an approved Medicare provider. All services billed to Medicare follow federal guidelines and procedures. Medicare has a COB clause.

At the time of service, you will be asked to answer questions to help determine the primary insurance carrier paying for your visit. This is referred to as a Medicare Secondary Payer Questionnaire and is required by federal law. Providing accurate information allows us to bill the correct insurance company. Hospital personnel cannot call Medicare on your behalf to correct COB. The call has to be made by the patient.

Secondary insurance may cover Medicare deductibles and coinsurance. If you do not have a secondary insurance, you will be asked to pay or establish a payment plan. If you are not able to pay, we will help you figure out if you qualify for financial assistance.

Coordination of Benefits
Coordination of Benefits (COB) is a term used by insurance companies when you have two or more insurance policies.

This usually happens when both spouses are listed on each other’s insurance policies, when both parents carry their children on their individual policies, or when there is eligibility under two federal programs.

Most insurance companies have COB rules that determine who pays medical expenses. This prevents duplicate payments. COB priority must be identified when you are admitted to comply with insurance guidelines. Your insurance company may request a completed COB form before paying a claim. Every attempt will be made to notify you if this happens. The hospital cannot provide this information to your insurance company. You must work with your insurance company for the claim to be paid.
Houston Methodist’s Financial Assistance Policy

Houston Methodist is committed to providing charity care to persons who are uninsured, underinsured, ineligible for a government program, or otherwise not able to pay for emergency and medically needed care based on their individual financial situation.

Patients whose family income is at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are eligible to receive free services, and patients whose family income is above 200 percent but not more than 400 percent of the FPL are eligible to receive services at a discounted amount. This discounted amount is not to exceed the average amount Houston Methodist would get paid by private insurance and Medicare, including any patient payments in the form of deductibles, co-payments and co-insurance.

You will not be required to make advanced payments or payment arrangements for emergency and medically necessary services before you receive care. But if you are required to pay a discounted amount, and you cannot pay it in full after the services are provided, Houston Methodist will attempt to collect it. We will send monthly invoices asking for payment. If you cannot pay the discounted amount in a single payment, we offer interest-free extended payment options. Any discounted amounts remaining unpaid will be turned over to a third party collection agency for further collection attempts. Third party collection activity will not include personal liens, legal actions or credit bureau notification.

A free copy of Houston Methodist’s financial assistance policy, the financial assistance application and collection policies are available at houstonmethodist.org/billing. You can also find it in admitting and registration areas, or you can call the centralized business office to ask for them in various languages.

Houston Methodist’s financial assistance team can answer questions and provide information about the financial assistance policy. We can help you with the application process. We are open Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Completed financial assistance applications and all supporting documents can be faxed or mailed to the centralized business office.

Financial Assistance Program

To learn about the financial assistance program, you can speak with a financial counselor by calling 281.274.7000.

Our financial counselors will ask you or your family member to complete a financial assistance application for uncompensated or discounted hospital care.

Patient access services and patient accounting departments will be responsible for reviewing completed financial assistance application forms and determining eligibility. The eligibility criteria rely on income levels and means testing indexed to the federal poverty guidelines, updated at the beginning of each calendar year and available from the federal government.

Eligible applicants are classified as either financially indigent or medically indigent. The review may be conducted using either the traditional or fast-track method.
Giving Back

Share Your Story
Has Houston Methodist touched your life? We encourage you to share your experience with us. With your permission, your story could be included in a Houston Methodist communication or special event.

Join Our Mailing List
Learn more about Houston Methodist news and events by subscribing to our publications. Keep informed about the latest leading medicine advances and achievements throughout our hospital system.

To participate in the Gifts of Gratitude program or to learn about additional giving opportunities, visit houstonmethodist.org/giving or call 832.667.5816.

Support Houston Methodist through the Gifts of Gratitude Program
When you receive care at Houston Methodist, you become part of our family. Houston Methodist’s commitment to your health and well-being goes beyond you to caring for your loved ones — now and for generations to come.

We invite you to ensure a legacy of health by giving, sharing and volunteering through the Gifts of Gratitude program. No matter how you partner with us, your involvement will make a significant difference in our patients’ lives. Visit houstonmethodist.org/gifts-of-gratitude to learn more.

Make a Philanthropic Contribution
We invite you to make a gift in honor of a Houston Methodist doctor, nurse or other staff member who has made a difference in your care. These honorary gifts help advance Houston Methodist’s leading medicine mission by supporting research, education and patient care. Make your gift online at houstonmethodist.org/giving or by mail to Houston Methodist Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 4384, Houston, TX 77210-4384.

Become a Volunteer
Giving of your time and sharing your experiences can make a wonderful difference in the lives of other patients. Houston Methodist volunteer opportunities range from participating in support classes, speaking engagements, organizing events and many other important activities. Visit houstonmethodist.org/volunteer for opportunities and additional information.