Patient Handbook
Welcome

Thank you for choosing Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services as the provider for your behavioral health services. Recognizing the need for help is an important first step in your journey to recovery. We understand that the decision for hospitalization is difficult, so we pledge to support you and to earn the trust that you have placed in us. We commit to providing a service that is a partnership with you and your family, and we encourage and expect your participation in your care.

This book contains important information about your treatment. Please read this booklet carefully and ask a member of our staff if you have any questions about this information or any other aspect of your stay with us.

Mission

Pine Rest’s Mission Statement: Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services is called to express the healing ministry of Jesus Christ by providing behavioral health services with professional excellence, Christian Integrity, and compassion.
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Your Treatment Team

Our health care professionals will work with you to develop an individualized treatment plan to guide your care. Various members of our treatment team will be assigned to work with you on the road to wellness.

Physicians
The doctor in charge of your treatment team is a Psychiatrist. He/She will conduct your initial evaluation within 24 hours of your admission and a Psychiatrist will meet with you daily. You will also be evaluated by a member of our medical staff who will take care of all of your medical needs. Other doctors may be asked to join the team to address other concerns that you may have. The doctor may also be working with a Nurse Practitioner or a Physician’s Assistant.

Nursing Staff
The nursing staff includes Registered Nurses (RN) and Psychiatric Technicians (Psych Tech). A RN and a Psych Tech will be assigned to you each shift as your primary care providers. They will meet with you and discuss any physical or emotional problems that you may be experiencing. The RN and Psych Tech will work as a team with you to assess and help meet your physical and emotional needs during your stay. If you need help with your hygiene or grooming needs, a nursing staff member will assist you.
Case Manager/Therapist
The Case Management staff members are trained in social work, counseling and psychology. They conduct assessments with each patient and help plan your discharge. They work with insurance companies and outside care providers to coordinate treatment for you. In addition, Case Managers provide group therapy on the units. They are also available to have meetings with your family or support system.

Activity Therapists
The Activity Therapy staff consists of clinical specialists in Recreational Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Music Therapy, Art Therapy, Dance Therapy or other related fields. Activity Therapists assess the interests and needs of each patient. They lead a variety of groups to help you learn ways to improve overall health and ability to function effectively in the community.

Spiritual Care
We recognize, in your path to wellness, the importance of your individual spiritual and religious beliefs, and will provide an environment that is supportive and accepting. You may request that a Spiritual Care Specialist visit you during your stay to address any spiritual needs that you may have. Additionally, your own clergy may visit at any time.
Other Team Members
There are several other members of our team that you may meet during your stay. Dietary services, facilities maintenance, housekeeping, laboratory services, clinical pharmacy and security may also be on the unit at times. Additionally, we are an educational facility and you may see psychiatric residents and students from various disciplines.

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Treatment Activities

Patients are expected to take an active role in their treatment by participating in group sessions. Televisions, telephones and radios are shut off during this time to allow you to focus on your treatment plan and programming. A daily activity schedule will be posted each day on the unit.

The following are examples of the types of group activities that are conducted:

**Psychosocial Education**
Educational sessions are provided daily. These include groups that will help you better understand your illness, develop coping skills, lead a healthier lifestyle and understand your treatment and medications.

**Activity Therapy**
Activity therapy groups focus on helping you to develop a healthy, balanced lifestyle. Groups include life skill education/discussion, leisure exploration, social skills, creative tasks, sensory awareness and exercise groups.

**Group Therapy**
Case Management staff also lead group therapy on the unit which focuses on helping you put your thoughts and feelings into words, practice giving and receiving feedback, improving your coping skills and gaining support from others.

**Family Or Support Person Involved In Treatment**
There are a number of ways for your support system to be involved in your treatment. With your permission, a session with you and your family or support persons can be arranged to discuss your treatment and discharge plan. Case Managers will talk with family or support persons on the telephone if they are not available to come to the hospital, but you would like their involvement in your care. A support group is also provided on Saturdays where these
individuals may obtain support or general information about mental illness or co-occurring disorders. Your specific treatment will not be discussed in these meetings. Your Case Manager can provide you, your family or support persons with more detail about this group.

Medications

Your nurse will administer medications to you. Only medications ordered by the physician may be given. Over the counter medications must be ordered by your doctor. Your doctor may prescribe medication on an “as needed” (PRN) basis to help manage the symptoms of your illness. We ask that you report any side effects that you may experience to your physician or nurse immediately.

For your safety, we will use a scanner when we give you medications. Here is what will happen:

• The nurse will ask you to tell him/her your name and date of birth. This information will be compared with what’s entered in the computer.
• The nurse will scan a bar code on your wristband.
• The nurse will scan each medication you take.
• The computer will make sure you are getting the right medications at the right dose and at the right time.

You can help by keeping your wristband on and understanding that you will be asked your name and date of birth every time you get medication.

If you are currently taking any medications, supplements or vitamins, please let us know upon admission. We will need to know the name of all your medications, the strengths, how often you take them, who prescribed the medications, when you took your last dose, and if you are taking them as they are prescribed for you. Medications that you or others bring to the hospital will be stored and returned upon discharge unless the doctor orders for you to have them while you are in the hospital. Your medications will be kept at the nursing station and given to you as ordered.
Your clinical pharmacist, physicians and nurses will provide you with education about your medications. They can also answer questions that you might have about them at any time.

Pain Management

Pain is the feeling of hurt or discomfort. Pain can be physical, caused by disease, injury or infection. Pain also can be emotional caused by factors such as stress, anxiety, trauma or depression. During your hospital stay, your doctors and nurses will be involved in assessing your pain. Be sure to tell them when you have pain.

If you are on a pain management program, our medical doctors will coordinate with your prescribing physician to manage your pain. If you are on a current prescription for pain, the medical doctor will review it with you and determine how to involve your pain management need in your treatment plan while you are hospitalized.

On our Redwood Unit, we treat patients that have an addiction and serious psychiatric illness. We are aware that dependence on pain medication is a growing problem nationwide with narcotics being the number one prescribed substance in the country. During your stay on this unit we provide education about safe use of prescription pills and will focus on non-narcotic methods to manage pain.

When concerns of narcotic abuse are present, assessment, treatment and referral for continuing care may be a part of your discharge plan. Narcotic medication will not be prescribed for you at the time of discharge. You will need to follow up with your primary care physician for those medications.
Daily Activities and Unit Policies

**Food**
Approximate meal times are as follows:

- **Breakfast**: 8 - 9 a.m.
- **Lunch**: Noon - 1 p.m.
- **Dinner**: 5 - 6 p.m.

Snacks are provided throughout the day at various times. Dieticians are on staff and special diets can be accommodated. Allowances for religious or cultural food needs can also be made. Please ask to speak with your psychiatrist, case manager or dietician regarding these needs.

**Visitation**
Visitation may take place with only the people that you have identified as people allowed to visit you. You will be asked on admission to make a list of people who you would like to be able to visit, or you may choose not to have any visitors.

Please inform your treatment team of your wishes. Your physician or treatment team has the right to limit visitation if clinically needed.

Children under the age of 14 are not allowed on the unit without a physician’s order. All visitors will need to have picture identification and will be asked to sign in when they arrive. Due to space limitations, we ask that you limit your visitors to no more than two at a time. Visiting will only take place in designated areas on the units. Visitors are not allowed in patient rooms.

Staff will restrict items brought in by your visitors. We reserve the right to withhold any items that may be dangerous to you or to another patient. Visitor handbags, purses, backpacks, coats and cell phones are not allowed on the unit. We provide lockers outside the units for them to secure their things, but it is preferred and safer if they keep them locked in their car.
Weekly education groups are offered for patients’ families/support system members. Please see unit postings for current offerings.

**Visiting Hours**
Visiting hours vary by unit. Please find the insert within this booklet for the visiting hours.

**Belongings**
Do not bring in large quantities of items since patient storage space is very limited. Three to four days of personal items and clothing is ideal. Be sure that you mark your name on all items. Dentures, retainers, hearing aids or eyeglasses should be kept in protective containers. Never wrap them in tissue as they might be accidentally thrown away.

Upon arrival, your belongings will be secured in a tote container and transported to the unit. Staff members will carefully inspect every item you bring in and all items that are brought in for you after your admission to ensure that they are safe for you and the others on the unit. Your belongings will be documented in a log which you or your representative will be asked to sign. Make sure all of your items are noted on the list so they may be returned to you. If your belongings are inspected, you have the right to be present. You will also be able to view any of your property that we store at reasonable times. At the time of discharge, be sure to collect all of your things. Unclaimed items will be kept for 30 days after your discharge date and then will be discarded if unclaimed. Illegal items will not be returned to you.

**Valuables**
Please send any valuables home with a family member or friend. The hospital is not responsible for things that you choose to keep with you or in your room. This includes such items as money, jewelry, legal documents, cell phones, electronics, etc.
**Contraband Items**

Any belonging or item that could be used improperly to cause harm or with the intent to cause harm to self or others, is illegal, or may cause disruption to the therapeutic environment is considered contraband. These items are prohibited and not allowed on the unit at any time.

These items include but are not limited to:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Balloons or balloon strings
- Batteries or items containing batteries
- Cameras or recording devices of any type
- Cell phones, pagers or any other personal communication device
- Drugs (including alcohol) or drug paraphernalia of any kind unless it is medication specifically authorized by the attending psychiatrist
- Electronics brought from home such as computers, tablets, personal gaming devices or personal music players
- Firearms or explosives
- Jewelry except wedding bands
- Knives, scissors or metal tools
- Lighters, matches or any item that is used to start fire
- Plastic bags
- Pop cans
- Publications, objects or images that are overtly racist, sexist or threatening to others
- Ropes, chains, or cords
- Safety pins, tacks or needles of any type
- Sexually revealing clothing
- Clothing and other items that display sexually explicit, gang or drug related images, etc.
- Smoking products, including e-cigarettes or similar items
- Tobacco products of any type
- Weapons of any types including any instrument that could be used to cause bodily harm or injury
- Wires, for example, used to hold cards, bows with plants or hangers
Restricted Items
Any belonging or item that could be used to cause harm to self, others or creates a disruption to the therapeutic environment is restricted. These items will not remain in the possession of the patient, but may be made available to patients on a limited basis and only under the supervision of staff. Other items may be restricted from your use if clinically indicated and would be added to your treatment plan.

These items include but are not limited to:
- Aerosols
- Alcoholic based mouth washes or any other personal care products with an alcohol base
- Belts, cords, chains, shoe laces, scarves and ties
- CDs, DVDs, tapes
- Cell phones or personal electronic devices
- Earphones and headsets
- Electronics with batteries or cords
- High heeled shoes, boots, hats and caps
- Food brought from home (only allowed for religious or cultural reasons with physician’s orders)
- Glass, mirrors
- Items with electrical cords
- Knitting or crochet supplies
- Medication of any type
- Pens, pencils
- Personal care products, including such items as: facial supplies, makeup, lotions, shampoos, cleansers, shaving supplies, nail care products, mouthwash, hair supplies and product
- Purses and wallets
- Walking canes, walkers, crutches (a wheelchair will be provided if necessary)

Your Living Area
You will be expected to maintain your own living environment while you are here. You will need to pick up your room, make your bed and do your own laundry in machines provided on each unit at no cost. All linens will be provided for you. Please do not bring linens from home. Dispose of waste materials properly and put linens in the soiled linen
receptacle. It is important to be considerate of your roommate and other’s space. Patients of the opposite sex are not allowed to visit in each other’s room.

**Fall Safety**
It is our goal to work together to maintain the highest level of safety to prevent falls from occurring. Being in a strange environment may make patients more likely to fall. Also, several medications can make people feel dizzy, tired, confused or lethargic. Please alert staff if you feel that you need help moving around. It is important to ask for help if needed. Alert staff if you have a history of falling, a seizure disorder, vision or hearing problems, if you use an assistive device to move around, or have difficulty remembering where you are at times.

There are several things that you can do to prevent falls.
- You may feel weak or dizzy after lying down for a long period of time. You should sit on the side of the bed for a few minutes before standing, and then stand a minute before walking. Walk slowly and carefully.
- Do not lean on equipment or items with wheels.
- Footwear is important. The nurse will inspect your footwear to ensure that it is safe or provide you with non-skid footwear to wear.
- If you require help, ask staff.
- It is important to tell someone if you see a spill to prevent others from slipping.

**Close Observation**
Our ultimate goal is to provide you with an environment that facilitates your safety in the least restrictive manner. Every patient on the unit is closely observed to ensure safety. We monitor your whereabouts and well-being 24 hours a day. We strive to do this with a minimal amount of disruption to your activities and with respect for your privacy. Please notify a staff member if at any time you are feeling unsafe for any reason.
Hygiene/Grooming
Good hygiene and grooming are very important to your overall sense of well being. Patients are encouraged to shower daily and wear clean clothes. Appropriate casual clothing is to be worn at all times. Personal care items are available on request. Towels and linens are provided.

Mail
Mail is sent out and received every day that the U.S. Postal Service is open. Envelopes, paper and postage are provided by the hospital for outgoing mail. For your safety, staff reserves the right to inspect any package that you receive. If staff members have reasonable cause to suspect that your mail contains prohibited items, you may be asked to open your mail in staff’s presence.

Telephone
Unit telephones are available for your use to make local phone calls. Dial “9” to get an outside line. Times during which the phone may be used are posted on each unit. Please limit your calls to 10 minutes and be courteous when answering the phone. Speak with your treatment team if arrangements need to be made for long distance calls.
Pine Rest Patient Phone Numbers:

Adult Oak Unit:
Women 616.222.4537    Men 616.222.4532

Adult Elm Unit:
Women 616.222.4549    Men 616.222.4561

Adult Hickory Unit:
Women 616.222.4523    Men 616.222.4581

Adult Redwood Unit:
616.258.7581, 616.258.7497 and 616.222.6523

Adult Aspen Unit:
616.222.4597 and 616.222.4598

Child and Adolescent Unit:
616.281.6360 and 800.567.0463

Cypress Unit A (Adolescents):
616.281.6342 and 616.281.6343

Cypress Unit B (Young Adults):
616.281.6345 and 616.281.6346

Older Adult Unit:
616.258.7538 and 616.258.7539
Smoking
The Pine Rest campus is a tobacco free environment, both indoors and outdoors. This applies to all patients, visitors and staff. All tobacco products, matches, and lighters are prohibited. If you have them with you on admission, they will be stored with your belongings and returned to you at discharge. You may request nicotine patches or gum while you are in the hospital to ease any discomfort of withdrawal. If you wish to quit smoking, please ask a member of the staff for information on smoking cessation.

Confidentiality
Your treatment here is kept confidential. However, the treatment team members share information with one another to coordinate your care. We will not give copies of your medical records to anyone without your approval. We will not acknowledge that you are here to telephone callers. If you want the treatment team to be able to talk to your family members, significant others, friends, or anyone else, you can sign a release of information form allowing us to speak with them and share information.
This is a therapeutic community. Privacy is important to you and others. You and your visitors may hear confidential information about other patients. Personal information about other patients should never be shared even after discharge. You or your visitors may recognize other patients and are encouraged not to share this information with others.

**Discharge**
Timing for your discharge will be decided by your treatment team and you. Your Case Manager will schedule a follow-up appointment within seven days of your discharge and provide you with this information. Your Psychiatrist will complete discharge orders and you will be given discharge instructions. A time prior to noon on the day of discharge will be chosen and arrangements for transportation and/or pick-up will be made.

**Patient Rights**
Pine Rest complies with the Michigan Department of Community Health’s Mental Health Code. Upon admission, you are given a “Patient’s Rights Booklet.” If you have any questions or feel your rights have been violated, discuss these issues with a staff member. You may also fill out a confidential complaint form, and if you still have concerns, contact the Recipient Rights Advisor by calling 616.455.5000 ext 2777.

**Complaint/Grievance Resolution**
Patients and/or their families or representatives have the right to submit grievances (complaints), have them investigated to receive a response, as well as help in resolving the issue when indicated. Filing a complaint will not compromise a patient’s current treatment or future access to care. Complaints and other types of feedback are welcomed and encouraged.

A complaint may be submitted to a Pine Rest staff person or through the Pine Rest Complaint Line, or a complaint may also be submitted to an independent organization at the numbers listed below:
Complaint Numbers
Pine Rest Complaint Line: 877.874.2708
Michigan Department of Community Health: 800.882.6006
The Joint Commission: 800.994.6610
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: 800.633.4227

Translation/Interpretation Services
If you or your family members need interpretation services, let a member of your treatment team know. Arrangements will be made to accommodate your communication needs. Services will be provided at no cost to you or your family.

Advance Directives
At the time of admission, a nurse will ask if you have any advance directives in place. It is important for us to know if you have a behavioral health advance directive. If you do, we will request a copy of these documents for your chart. If you do not have any advance directive and would like information about it, a nurse or case manager can provide this for you.
Address & Phone Numbers

Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
300 68th St
PO Box 165
Grand Rapids, MI 49501-0165
616.455.5000

Pine Rest Unit Extensions
616.281.6363
Adult Elm Unit: Extension 2226
Adult Oak Unit: Extension 2835
Adult Hickory Unit: Extension 2637
Adult Redwood Unit: Extension 2109
Adult Aspen Unit: Extension 2672
Older Adult Unit: Extension 2108
Child & Adolescent Unit: Extension 2139
Cypress Unit A (Adolescents): Extension 1000
Cypress Unit B (Young Adults): Extension 1200
Pine Rest Outpatient Scheduling Services

If your discharge plans include outpatient care, we would like you to know that Pine Rest has several outpatient clinics; 10 located in the greater Grand Rapids area, three on the Lakeshore, two in the greater Kalamazoo area, one in Traverse City and two in Iowa.

Our clinicians serve people of all ages and treat a variety of mental health and alcohol or other drug use issues. Our staff of highly trained psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers provides quality, professional services in a timely, compassionate manner.

A single phone call may be made to schedule an appointment at any of our clinics; please call 866.852.4001.

Family Education Groups

Education groups provide discussion on mental health and substance abuse issues designed for families and support systems of patients currently in the hospital. Topics may include how to support your loved one, explanations of hospital process, discharge and safety planning, and basic diagnosis and treatment information. The group is facilitated by a Master’s level clinician and helps to provide understanding of illness management.

**Mental Health Education Meetings Information**

**Van Andel Center**
Every Saturday Noon - 1 p.m.

**Van Andel Center - Cypress Unit**
Every Monday 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Adult Partial Hospitalization Program**
Every Monday 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

**Mother-Baby Partial Hospitalization Program**
Every Thursday 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.
Additional Resources

**network180**
The mental health authority for Kent County, network180 connects individuals of all ages and their families to services for mental illness, substance use disorders, and developmental disabilities. Gerontontology Network services can also be accessed through network180.

**Access Center**
616.336.3909  
800.749.7720  
790 Fuller Avenue NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**United Way 211**
Call 2-1-1 for help with food, housing, employment, health care, counseling and more. 2-1-1 provides free and confidential information and referrals. www.hwmuw.org or www.hwmuw.org/211

**Suicide Prevention**
The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a free, 24-hour hotline available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
800.273.TALK (8255)  
www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

**Domestic Violence**
The YWCA of West Michigan has trained staff and volunteers that are available 24-hours a day to help victims of domestic violence.
YWCA 24-Hour Confidential Crisis Line
616.454.9922 www.ywcawcmi.org

**Smoking Cessation**
Talk with your physician or call the American Lung Association at 800.QUIT.NOW or visit their website at www.lung.org  
800.LUNG.USA
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
NAMI is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness and is a great source for information.
Information Helpline: 800.950.NAMI (6264)
www.nami.org

Alzheimer’s Association
The Alzheimer’s Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care and support and the largest private, nonprofit funder of Alzheimer research.
2944 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, 49505
24/7 Helpline: 800.272.3900
www.alz.org/gmc

12-Step Groups
12-step groups meet in many communities and can provide a great deal of support for issues surrounding substance abuse and recovery. 12-step groups are anonymous and free of charge.

Alcohol Anonymous (AA)
Visit www.grandrapidsaa.org for meetings in Kent and surrounding counties. Hotline: 616.913.9149

Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
Visit www.michigan-na.org for a meeting in your area.
Greater Grand Rapids Area Hotline: 800.230.4085

Dual Recovery Anonymous
For a 12-step support group for those coping with both mental health and substance abuse issues, visit www.draonline.org for a list of meetings in your area. 913.991.2703

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA)
www.dbsalliance.org 800.826.3632
Child & Adolescent Resources
American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
AACAP Resource Centers empower consumers through patient education. 202.966.7300
www.aacap.org/aacap/families_and_youth/resource_center/home.aspx

Ronald McDonald House of West Michigan
Housing for out of town families is available, call 616.776.1300 or go to the website, www.rmhwesternmichigan.org

Association for Children’s Mental Health
www.acmh-mi.org
517.372.4016
Parent line: 888.ACMH.KID

Parents. The Anti Drug.
This website, endorsed by American Academy of Pediatrics, pertains to substance use in the teen years.
www.drugfree.org/resources
History & Philosophy of Care

Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services is called to express the healing ministry of Jesus Christ by providing behavioral health services with professional excellence, Christian integrity, and compassion. That is our mission, rooted in our very foundation.

In 1910, a group of pastors and laity decided to create an organization that treated all aspects of a person’s well-being: emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual. Initially formed by and for members of the Reformed Church in America and the Christian Reformed Church in America, Pine Rest today offers treatment and services to people of all cultures, religions, creeds and ethnicities.

We still reflect our faith-based heritage in all we do by providing professional behavioral health services that are rooted in Christian teaching and values. As servants of God, we call upon our entire staff to compassionately care for and meet the needs of each patient - respectfully expressing Christ’s healing ministry to all who seek it while maintaining respect for each person’s personal faith, spiritual or philosophical preferences.

At our core, we are a team of highly specialized, well-trained clinicians and professionals dedicated to high-quality, outcome-driven practices. We embrace a Relationship Based Care approach to treatment which places patients and their families at the center of all we do. It is these values that drive our quality of care and commitment to our patients and form the basis of our vision:

Guided by mission, we promise an exceptional care experience that changes lives. We support this promise of healing with measurable outcomes and value.
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