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Emergency Room Mental Health Support

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Emergency Departments across the nation are seeing alarming rates of psychiatric emergencies like anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts or attempts. Gundersen Boscobel's emergency department (ED) is no exception.

Like many rural communities, mental health resources are limited, and community members often turn to the closest ED when in crisis.

As local mental health emergencies increase, so does the need to enhance our ED's capabilities to address mental health crises at Gundersen Boscobel Hospital.

THE NEED



Fundraising Goal = \$40,000
Funds Raised* = \$0

In the span of 12 months, over 48 patients experiencing mental health crises were transferred from our ED to an inpatient behavioral health facility. Numerous others have been seen and discharged home with a safety plan and resources for additional support.

We need your help to launch 24/7 on-demand telepsychiatry services through ITP (Integrated Telehealth Partners) in our Emergency Department in 2024.

ITP psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners will collaborate with our onsite care team to provide the best support for the mental health needs of some of our most vulnerable patients.

PATIENT AND STAFF BENEFITS



24/7 Access to Mental Health Experts

With the click of a button, ED staff can connect patients with a licensed psychiatric specialist who can complete an evaluation using a secure video platform.



Improved Interventions & Outcomes

Specialized care and evaluations support timely treatment decisions, interventions and improved patient outcomes.



Whole-Person Approach

Medication management, placement services and safe discharges are enhanced through collaboration with ITP. ITP experts work around the clock to find the appropriate level of care for patients.



Enhanced Staff Support

By having licensed mental health specialists available, ED staff are able to manage the flow of patients through the ED most effectively which reduces stress on patients and staff.

CONTACT US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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Through January 31, 2024, your donation to support ITP will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$20,000 by generous Foundation supporters.



Don't wait. **DOUBLE** your gift by making your donation today!

“ITP helps to alleviate the pressure on ED staff to be the mental health expert. The platform offers an alternative and highly effective way to assess and manage mental health crises.

Combining our expertise ensures we can take the absolute best care of our patients.”



Ameen Taleb, MD
ER Medical Director