

# ST. ELIAS SPECIALTY HOSPITAL

## OTHER SERVICES

### Case Management

Patients who come to St. Elias often have a long road to recovery which continues after hospital discharge. The case manager begins a discharge plan at admission with the team which includes the patient, patient family members, physicians, therapists and hospital staff. This plan guides the patient to the right course of management in preparation for the safest and best discharge. Case managers are a source of information about programs and therapies available following discharge. They assist the families in understanding the “big picture” regarding their loved one and help with communication between the disciplines and patients.

### Pharmacy/Medication

We are able to quickly meet the pharmaceutical needs of our patients through our on-site pharmacy including pain control, antibiotic therapy and total parenteral nutrition.

Your physician will write orders for the medicine you need while in the hospital. You cannot and should not take your own medication while you are in the hospital. Any medication brought in will either be sent home with your family or secured in our pharmacy until you are discharged.

### Spiritual Services

Many of our patients request spiritual services. We have Chaplains on site at St. Elias on call 24 hours a day. During their stay at St. Elias, patients and families may invite their own spiritual advisors to visit and participate in their recovery.

### Social Worker

St. Elias has a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) on staff to help patients and their families as many of them need some type of guidance and counseling. The social worker begins on admission to help patients and families adjust to the patient’s diagnosis, prognosis and treatment. The LCSW works with the multidisciplinary team to help the patient and family adapt to changes in the plan of care including the discharge plan. The goal of the social worker at St. Elias is to unify the spiritual, social, environmental and medical needs of the patient. The LCSW helps patients and families through the difficult emotional and financial stress of illness. Our social worker can be instrumental in helping find resources that can make life after St. Elias an easier transition.