

Baptist Health Services Group

Specialty & Service Glossary

Following is a glossary of terms that will assist you in selecting a participating health care provider. Although participating facilities and health care professionals may offer care in other areas, this glossary should provide you with a good understanding of some basic areas of service.

Service Name	Definition
Acute Care Hospital	A facility for the short-term treatment of relatively severe illness
Adolescent Medicine	Medical care specializing in the adolescent age group
Allergy	Treatment of hay fever, asthma and other allergic disorders
Allergy/Immunology	Prevention, diagnosis and treatment of problems involving the immune system including reactions to usually harmless substances leading to allergic conditions
Ambulance	A company that provides transportation for the injured or sick
Ambulatory Surgical Center	A facility where surgical procedures are performed on an outpatient basis, i.e., patients do not stay overnight
Anatomic Pathology	Study of the structure of abnormal, diseased or injured tissue
Anesthesiology	Partial or complete loss of sensation with or without loss of consciousness by administration of an anesthetic agent usually by injection or inhalation
Audiology	Treatment of impaired hearing that cannot be improved by medication or surgical therapy
Cardiovascular Diseases/Cardiology	Treatment of diseases of the heart and blood vessels
Cardiovascular/Thoracic Surgery	Surgery of the chest, heart and blood vessels
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)	A registered nurse (RN) who is licensed to administer an anesthetic agent for the purpose of partial or complete loss of sensation with or without loss of consciousness
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	Treatment of mental and emotional disorders of children
Chiropractic	A system of therapeutics that attributes disease to dysfunction of the nervous system and attempts to restore normal function by manipulation and treatment of the body structures, especially those of the vertebral column
Colon and Rectal Surgeon	Surgery of the lower intestine
Critical Care Medicine	Treatment of acutely ill patients, usually in emergency rooms and intensive care units
Dermatology	Treatment of skin disorders
Durable Medical Equipment/DME	Items which are primarily used to serve a medical purpose and are generally appropriate for use in the patient's home
Emergency Medicine	Treatment of accidents and acute medical problems in the emergency room
Endocrinology and Metabolism	Treatment of diabetes and disorders of the thyroid, adrenal glands, pituitary gland, ovaries and testicles
Family Practice	Provide general medical care and treatment of medical problems for all family members
Gastroenterology	Treatment of disorders of the stomach, intestines, gallbladder and pancreas
General Practice	Treatment of a broad range of medical problems including children's illnesses
General Surgery	Surgery of the abdomen, breast, thyroid and all surgical procedures not performed by the various specialties

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Geriatrics	Treatment of problems specific to old age and the aging, including the clinical problems of senility
Gynecology	Treatment of the female reproductive organs including surgery
Hand Surgery	Surgery of the bones and joints related specifically to the wrist and hand
Hematology	Treatment of blood and blood-forming tissue disorders
Hematology and Oncology	Treatment of all types of cancer and blood disorders
Home Health Agency	Agency that provides skilled nursing services to an individual in the home
Hospice	Program that provides care for terminally ill patients and their families
Immunology	Treatment of the body's reaction to foreign substances and protection from infection and disease
Infectious Disease	Treatment of illnesses caused by infectious organisms such as viruses, bacteria and parasites in any organ of the body
Internal Medicine	General adult medical care and treatment of many medical conditions
Laboratory	A place equipped for examination of materials derived from the human body for the purpose of providing information on diagnosis, prevention or treatment of disease
Manipulative Management	Treatment by skillful or dextrous treatment by the hands performed by the physician
Maternal and Fetal Medicine	Treatment for high-risk pregnancies
Maxillofacial/Oral Surgery	Surgery of the upper jaw, oral cavity and associated structures
Multi-Specialty Clinic	A group practice in which several physicians with various specialties are recognized as a single business entity
Neonatology	Care of sick newborn infants, especially prematures
Nephrology	Medical treatment of kidney diseases
Neurological Surgery	Surgery of the brain, spinal cord and the nerves in the spine and extremities
Neurology	Treatment of disorders of the brain, spinal cord and nerves in the spine and extremities
Nuclear Medicine	Diagnostic, therapeutic and investigative use of the radioactive compounds in pharmaceutical form
Nuclear Radiology	Diagnostic test involving the external detection of radioactive waves from radionuclides (radioactive substances injected into a patient or ingested by the patient) in the diagnosis of disease
Nutrition	The study of the sum of the processes involved in taking in nutriment and assimilating and utilizing them
Obstetrics and Gynecology	Care of the pregnant and non-pregnant woman, including surgery of the female reproductive organs
Occupational Therapy	Includes duties such as applying diagnostic and prognostic tests, guiding the patient in the use of therapeutic creative and self-care activities for improving function
Occupational/Industrial Medicine	Treatment of disease and injury and promotion of health in people's work environment
Oncology	Treatment of cancer or cancer-like diseases
Ophthalmology	Treatment of surgical and non-surgical disorders of the eyes
Orthopedic Surgery	Surgery of the bones and joints
Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery	Medical and surgical treatment of disorders of the nose, mouth, throat, larynx, ears and other portions of the head and neck
Pathology	Performance of laboratory tests on blood and other body fluids and microscopic examination of tissue specimens

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Pediatric Allergy	Treatment of asthma, hay fever and other allergic conditions in children
Pediatric Cardiology	Treatment of diseases of the heart and blood vessels in children
Pediatric Endocrinology	Treatment of children with diabetes or disorders of the thyroid, adrenal glands, pituitary gland, ovaries and testicles
Pediatric Gastroenterology	The treatment of disorders of the stomach, intestines, gallbladder and pancreas in children
Pediatric Hematology and Oncology	Treatment of all types of cancer and blood disorders in children
Pediatric Nephrology	Medical treatment of kidney diseases of children
Pediatric Neurology	Treatment of disorders of the brain, nerves and spinal cord of children
Pediatric Pulmonology	Treatment of lung disease in children
Pediatric Radiology	Performance of diagnostic tests on children utilizing X-rays (see Radiology)
Pediatric Surgery	General surgical treatment of children with emphasis on correction of congenital defects
Pediatrics	Medical care of babies, children and adolescents
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Treatment for musculoskeletal weakness after injury, stroke, or surgery in order to gain optimal activity level toward independence
Physical Therapy	Evaluation and treatment of specific patient abilities and disabilities, both mental and physical
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	Cosmetic surgery, reconstructive and care of burns
Podiatry	The study and care of the foot, including its anatomy, pathology, medical and surgical treatment
Preventive Medicine	Preventive medicine involves the study of the effects that the environment has on health
Proctology	Treatment of rectal and anal disorders
Psychiatric/Alcohol/Drug Treatment Facility	A facility which provides a program for the chemically dependent or evaluation, treatment and prevention of emotional and mental illness
Psychiatry	Medical diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mental illness
Psychology	Treatment of behavioral disorders. Excludes dispensing of prescription drugs
Pulmonary Diseases	Treatment of diseases of the lungs
Radiation Oncology	Radiation oncology is the branch of radiology that uses radiant energy and isotopes in the study and treatment of cancer
Radiation Therapy	Administration of X-ray therapy for treatment of cancer
Radiology	Perform diagnostic tests using X-rays and radio-isotopes, ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging
Respiratory Therapy	Evaluation and treatment of pulmonary (lung) function and respiratory rehabilitation therapy
Rheumatology	Treatment of arthritis and other inflammatory conditions of the joints
Skilled Nursing Facility	Patient care center that provides rehabilitative services and 24-hour nursing for convalescent patients
Social Worker	Professional trained person who helps patients, family members or others deal with problems of social functioning affecting the health or well-being of the patient
Speech Therapy	Treatment of verbal communication disorders
Sports Medicine	The diagnosis and treatment of injuries and medical problems affecting athletes
Thoracic Surgery	Surgery involving the rib cage and structures contained within the thoracic cage

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Urology	Medical and surgical management of diseases of the kidneys, bladder, urinary tract and male reproductive organs
Vascular Surgery	Surgery involving the blood vessels that maintain adequate circulation to the major organs of the body
