

NVCH Receives Sleep Study Accreditation

Nemaha Valley Community Hospital Sleep Lab recently received a three-year accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC).

We congratulate our sleep lab technicians Dawn Osterhaus, RRT Director of Respiratory Therapy and Danielle Dalinghaus, CRT on fulfilling the high standards required for receiving accreditation for the two-bed sleep lab.

To receive the three-year accreditation, the sleep lab was expected to meet or exceed all standards for professional health care as designated by the ACHC. The accreditation process involves a detailed inspection of the sleep lab facility and staff. A comprehensive review is conducted of organizational structure, policies & procedures, compliance with federal/state/local laws, leadership, patients' rights & responsibilities, fiscal operations, human resource management, provision of care, patient records, quality outcomes, performance improvement, infection control, and patient/employee safety. At the time of survey, Nemaha Valley Community Hospital Sleep Lab had to demonstrate how they have complied with the ACHC Standards for Accreditation. The three-year accreditation validates the quality of care patients in the NVCH sleep lab can expect to receive.

“Becoming accredited is a testament to the dedicated respiratory therapy staff that NVCH employs,” said Angie Stueve, MD. “They worked very hard to make this happen and we are fortunate to be able to continue offering this service to individuals in northeast Kansas.”

ACHC is an independent, private, not-for-profit corporation established in 1986. ACHC has gained respect and recognition as an accrediting organization uniquely committed to health care providers. They have adopted a participatory approach to standards development that actively solicits the input of those most knowledgeable about current approaches to care. The result is a set of practical standards that promotes quality services and ensures optimum care for the patient. The entire accreditation process is a collaborative, educational, and genuinely patient-focused approach.

Nemaha Valley Community Hospital provides in-lab sleep studies for anyone 18 years of age or older. We are also excited to announce that we now have the capability to provide in-home sleep studies for patients who qualify! If you would like more information about the sleep studies that are provided at Nemaha Valley Community Hospital please contact Dawn Osterhaus, RRT or Danielle Dalinghaus, CRT at 785-336-0489.



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