The team at MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital’s Comprehensive Integrated Inpatient Rehabilitation Program (CIIRP) cares for individuals suffering disability following brain injury, including those with subdural hematoma, subarachnoid hemorrhage, ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke, brain neoplasm, hypoxic brain injury, and brain trauma. The program has specialized staff, including physical medicine and rehabilitation physicians and psychologists, rehabilitation nurses, physical and occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, social workers, and nurse case managers.

The team is able to provide intensive rehabilitation and medical management, as well as guidance through the continuum of care, for patients with mild to moderate cognitive dysfunction following brain injury.

The program is particularly well-suited for individuals who:

• Need help with mobility and balance.
• Need help with activities of daily living.
• Need help with memory and thinking problems.
• Need help with swallowing and communication problems.
• Are able to follow directions and have the ability to learn and improve.

Patients should generally be medically stable and able to participate in three hours of combined physical therapy with occupational therapy and/or speech-language treatment five days a week or 15 hours over a seven-day period. They also should be able to meet their inpatient rehabilitation program goals in a reasonable timeframe and have a viable discharge plan. Patients with significant agitation or other severe behavioral problems following brain injury are not appropriate for the MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital’s CIIRP.

*These criteria roughly correspond to Level VI of the Rancho Los Amigos Scale.

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