

SUMMA HEALTH SYSTEM
Akron City Hospital
Acute Care of the Elderly Unit
Mission and Philosophy

The purpose of the Acute Care of the Elderly (ACE) unit is to improve the functional decline and to restore function of acutely ill elderly patients through the implementation of the Prehab program of care.

Mission: The mission of the ACE Unit is to provide compassionate, holistic care and respect for all faiths through open communication and interdisciplinary teamwork as it supports the patient/family/nurse/physician relationship.

Philosophy: Older patients are frequently hospitalized because of acute illness. Even though the acute illness is treated effectively, the patient's functional status may decline during hospitalization. This decline frequently contributes to disability, deteriorating quality of life, institutionalization, and death.

The acute care of the elderly (ACE) unit will prevent functional decline and restore function through implementation of the Prehab Program. The quality of care includes physical, spiritual, and psychosocial needs of the patient. **The Prehab Program is an innovative approach comprised of five key elements: a uniquely designed environment, patient-centered care, interdisciplinary assessment and non-pharmacological interventions, early discharge planning and medical review.**

When prevention and restoration is not possible, the goal is to work with the patient/family/physician to define goals of care and offer options that support those goals.

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