Outpatient, Inpatient and Acute Care Services

- **Physical Therapy** for a wide variety of conditions, including tendonitis/bursitis, strains/sprains, fractures, post-surgical, sports injuries, balance problems, wound care and joint replacements. The focus is to improve or restore function, independent mobility, prevent further progression of functional limitations, and to promote overall health, wellness and fitness.

- **Occupational Therapy** to restore or increase independent functional abilities with a number of programs including splinting, hand therapy, and assistive equipment training.

- **Speech Therapy** to treat a number of conditions, including dysphagia, swallowing difficulty, apraxia, speech, cognitive-communication and swallowing disorders. Neurological conditions commonly treated include Parkinson, MS, ALS, CP and CVA. Modified Barium Swallow study/ Videofluoroscopy allows real-time visualization of both solids and liquids through the oral pharynx and esophageal stages of a swallow. Studies are ordered through contacting Speech Pathology and completed in Radiology.

- Service is offered for all disciplines across the continuum from acute care hospitalization, to sub-acute care following at Mercycare to final level of recovery in outpatient treatment at St. James Mercy Hospital and Mercycare.

- **Individualized treatment program** for each patient based on an evaluation.

- **Wound care treatment** that includes several technologies including pulsed lavage, whirlpool, negative pressure wound healing, debridement and advanced dressings.

- **Women’s health services** for female incontinence at all levels and pelvic floor pain.

Equipment and Technology

SJMH offers the region’s most advanced array of rehab equipment and technology, providing significantly more treatment options than any local competitors.

Locations and Contact Information

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SJMH Rehabilitation Services Philosophy of Care

We provide a personal, compassionate approach to rehabilitative care, designed to improve the patient experience while providing individualized, evidence-based treatment. This highly personal approach empowers patients to achieve their goals and maximum mobility, and attain the highest quality of life.

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Physical Therapy Staff

Christopher C. Donegan, PT, DPT
Director Rehabilitation Services

Practice: Sub-acute inpatient rehabilitation treating medical, orthopedic, neurologically-impaired and wound care patients.

Education:
BS Physical Therapy, Daemen College
Doctorate Physical Therapy, State University of New York at Buffalo

Certification:
New York State Licensed Physical Therapist

Professional Affiliations:
American Physical Therapy Association

Special Interests: Joint replacements, wound care

Susan E. Murphy, PT
Physical Therapist

Practice: Hospital acute, sub-acute inpatient rehabilitation and outpatient treating medical, orthopedic, neurologically-impaired and wound care. Works closely with case managers, nursing, and physicians for acute care discharge planning.

Education:
BS Physical Therapy, Ithaca College

Certification:
New York State Licensed Physical Therapist

Special Interests: Wound care, acute care

Mary B. Meyer, PT
Physical Therapist


Education:
BS Physical Therapy, State University of New York at Buffalo

Certification:
New York State Licensed Physical Therapist

Alicia Ebersole, PT
Physical Therapist

Practice: Outpatient rehabilitation treating medical, orthopedic, neurologically-impaired and wound care patients.

Education:
BS Physical Therapy, Daemen College

Certification:
New York State Licensed Physical Therapist

Professional Affiliations:
American Physical Therapy Association

Special Interests: Personal interest in treatment of Lumbo-Pelvic-Femoral Pathomechanics utilizing postural restoration institute technique. Women’s health related to pelvic floor pain and incontinence, and back pain.
Physical Therapy Staff

Eric Riesdorph, PT, DPT
Physical Therapist

**Practice**: Sub-acute inpatient rehabilitation treating medical, orthopedic, neurologically-impaired and wound care patients.

**Education**: 
Doctorate Physical Therapy, State University of New York at Buffalo

**Certification**: 
New York State Licensed Physical Therapist

**Professional Affiliations**: 
American Physical Therapy Association

**Special Interests**: Sports medicine, vestibular and spine rehabilitation, back pain

Cara Galletta, PT, DPT
Physical Therapist

**Practice**: Orthopedics, post-op care, balance and gait disorders, neurological disorders, and wound care.

**Education**: 
BS Clinical Science, Ithaca College
MS Physical Therapy, Ithaca College
Doctorate Physical Therapy, Ithaca College

**Certification**: 
New York State Licensed Physical Therapist

**Special Interests**: Motion analysis, competitive gymnastics

Giles Churchman, PTA
Physical Therapy Assistant

**Practice**: Outpatient Physical Therapy

**Education**: 
AAS Physical Therapy Assistant, Mercyhurst College

**Certification**: 
New York State Licensed Physical Therapy Assistant

**Special Interests**: Sports medicine, Kinesio tape certified, myofascial technique

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**Occupational Therapy Staff**

**Lisa McGowan, MS, OTR/L**  
*Occupational Therapist*

**Practice:** Sub-acute inpatient rehabilitation treating medical, orthopedic, and neurologically-impaired patients.  

**Education:**  
BS Occupational Therapy, Keuka College  
MS Education, Alfred University  

**Certification:**  
New York State Licensed Occupational Therapist  

**Special Interests:** Teaching

**Sharon Coates, COTA**  
*Occupational Therapy Assistant*

**Practice:** Sub-acute inpatient rehabilitation treating medical, orthopedic, and neurologically-impaired patients.  

**Education:**  
AAS Occupational Therapy Assistant, Genesee Community College  

**Certifications:** New York State Licensed Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Certified by the National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapy

**Speech Therapy Staff**

**Michael Crandall, MA, CCC, SLP**  
*Speech Language Pathologist*

**Education:**  
BA Communicative Disorders, State University of New York at Geneseo  
MA Communicative Disorders and Sciences, State University of New York at Geneseo  

**Certifications:**  
New York State Licensed Speech Language Pathologist  
Certificate of Clinical Competence  
Certified K-12 Teacher of Speech and Hearing Handicapped  

**Professional Affiliations:**  
American Speech and Hearing Association