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SINAI HOSPITAL BRAIN INJURY UNIT
Providing the Full Continuum of Care from Coma to Community
Request: \$2 million (FY 2012 & FY 2013)

The Sinai Hospital of Baltimore Rehabilitation Center offers the full range of treatment for brain injury, attracting patients from across Maryland who need services in a coordinated community hospital setting.

- Sinai's unique Brain Injury Programs are part of a full Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, overseen by Rehab Medicine Specialists;
- Treatment is available for patients suffering the continuum of syndromes from mild brain injury to coma, and from acute care to return to work status.

Current programs include:

- Inpatient Certified Acute Rehabilitation Brain Injury Unit
- RETURN! To Community and RETURN! To Work, a collaboration with the MD Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)
- Coma Emergence
- Mild Brain Injury program
- Sports Concussion program
- Sub acute and long term care placement if needed

Why Sinai?

- Inpatient programs are located within acute care hospital, with a Level II Trauma Center, allowing for immediate access to specialists in an emergency;
- Psychiatrists - specialists in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation – are on site 24/7 to fully manage a patient's care at all times;
- 34 therapists and nurses are ACBIS certified (Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists), the most of any hospital in the area;
- Interdisciplinary outpatient programs go much further than general outpatient therapy services, and other outpatient therapy programs are among the largest referral sources to Sinai's RETURN! Program.

How Will Patients and Staff Benefit From Enhanced Space?

- Private rooms alleviate the need to close beds to accommodate behavior and isolation needs, allow sufficient space for wheelchairs, commodes and other therapy equipment, and reduce risk of infection;
- Confidentiality is enhanced and visitors - an essential part of rehab - feel more welcome;
- Staff have the ability to add charting notes directly to computerized medical records inside patient rooms, in real time;
- The improved central location within the hospital is directly above the Intensive Care Unit and below Intermediate Care.

Therapy space is currently inadequate to offer state-of-the-art rehab intervention. Gridlock occurs in hallways and patient rooms when beds, dietary, and medication carts, therapy equipment, and patients move around to accommodate patient needs. Enhanced space brings the facility up to the level of the services provided and allows more patients access to the benefits of Sinai's Brain Injury Programs.