

## WELCOME TO THE SENIOR ER



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## Meeting a growing need

As Baby Boomers pass retirement age, there's a growing need for senior-friendly emergency services. That's why, at SamaritanHospital, we're proud to introduce a brand new concept in emergency medical care for older patients – the Senior ER.

Our goal is to provide a gentler and more patient-centered experience for our senior patients, and to reduce the probability of a return visit for the same health issue.

## The Senior ER difference

Our emergency physicians, nurses, and staff have received extensive education and training to address seniors' special medical needs, preferences and physical comforts, and help them feel calm, safe and secure.

An intensive assessment takes into consideration the "whole patient", including a variety of potential issues that can impact a senior's overall health: pre-existing conditions, multiple medications, dementia, at-home resources and caregiver assistance, nutrition and depression.

We've designated five patient rooms in our new emergency department as Senior ER rooms that offer special amenities, including —

- soft, indirect lighting with dimmers
- noise buffers
- pressure-reducing mattresses to help prevent skin breakdown
- calming colors
- · non-skid, non-glare flooring
- reclining chairs

## A tradition of care for seniors

The Senior ER at Samaritan builds on St. Peter's Health Partners' firm foundation of care for seniors through its acute care hospitals and continuing care services, including The Eddy's

