

Program OVERVIEW

Substance Abuse PICC Program (SAPP) is a hospital diversion program for patients who have a history of IV drug use and a severe infection that requires antibiotics through a PICC line.

Instead of the patient sitting in a hospital bed for 4 to 6 weeks, they will reside at **Meridian's** SAPP unit. There they will receive 24/7 care and start on the road to recovery.

This residential setting provides a structured, drug-free environment in which individuals learn about the disease of addiction, engage in supportive counseling, receive on site home healthcare services for their infusion supplies and will be educated on maintaining a clean working PICC line.

The severity of these patients medical condition and their ability to stay drug free can be catastrophic to their life.

Meridian's SAPP unit provides patients a safe place to recover from their infections and address their addictions in a safe and structured environment.

*Wellness is
within everyone's reach.*



Our Mission

To provide quality affordable behavioral healthcare and related services in partnership with our communities.



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How to refer a PATIENT

All client referrals can be sent to the SAPP Care Coordinator.

The Care Coordinator will notify the referring provider of the physician decision upon admission or request for further information. Referral packets may be submitted by the referring medical provider through secured email or by fax. Referral packets must contain information on the infectious disease being treated, course of treatment, current status and a list of all medication including strength, dosage and frequency at the time of admission.

What else should be considered?

All referral sources will be advised that a patient cannot be admitted while taking benzodiazepines or if they require dosing of narcotic medications more frequently than 3x per day.

BENEFITS of staying on the SAPP Unit

- Prevents catastrophic accidents
- Provides a safe drug free environment for patients to get well
- Group setting and on-site case management
- Raises the overall quality of life of the patient
- Initiates rehabilitation services to encourage patients to get sober and stay sober
- Currently, there is no other program like Meridian's in the region



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Change the FUTURE

Together we can foster better outcomes and help patients recover from their addiction.

IV Drug Users with a PICC line are at great risk for relapse, overdose and even death if not closely monitored.

Having a specialized unit for these patients is truly life saving for some.

