

# Dementia Care Services



## Multi-Phased Dementia Care

Grand Traverse Pavilions offers specialized care to those residents with dementia and cognitive impairments. For those in the *early* stages of dementia, our Willow Cottage offers a safe and secure assisted living environment.

People who have *advanced* dementia symptoms may require a higher level of care. Our Elm Pavilion provides those living with dementia or related disorders a safe environment, where meaningful leisure activities and quality of life are priority.

We strive to provide the highest level of care in a respectful and caring manner that enhances each residents' physical, mental and psychosocial abilities.

Our program and services are meant to bring meaning, purpose and pleasure to each resident's day and designed specifically for persons with memory loss and cognitive impairments.

## Family Support

Family support is also important. In addition to providing comfort and reassurance to both our residents and their significant others and families, the Pavilions provides support and education through internal services and external support networks.

Our staff understands the unique challenges that face our residents and their families, while working to address psychosocial, spiritual and emotional needs. Supporting and educating the family is also important to help provide support to our residents.

## Quality Care

To promote optimum quality of life for our residents, our approaches are based on the most up-to-date techniques and information. The Pavilions commits extensive resources toward staff selection, training and education.

The Grand Traverse Pavilions is the premiere provider of dementia care and services in Northern Michigan, earning The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Nursing Care Center Accreditation, Post-Acute Care Certification, and Memory Care Certification by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards.

The Gold Seal of Approval® is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to providing safe and effective patient and resident care.



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## Admission Criteria for Elm Pavilion

- Alzheimer's/Dementia or related diagnosis
- Pose a safety concern on general pavilion for elopement
- A tendency to pace or wander
- Must be able to take part and benefit from activities offered
- May exhibit inappropriate social behaviors
- Tendency to be overwhelmed or disoriented



## Elm Pavilion Objectives

- Maintain and maximize functional levels of residents with dementia
- Allow freedom and autonomy for residents
- Provide the least restrictive environment
- Maximize socialization for residents
- Personal plan of care to accentuate strengths
- Improved quality of life
- Provide ongoing support and education to both residents and families
- Link to area resources
- Maintain residents comfort and safety
- Provide meaningful activities

## Team Communication

The continued benefit of unit placement will be discussed quarterly at care conferences and team meetings, to which families/responsible parties are invited. Social work will communicate findings to family regarding appropriateness.

If it is determined that a resident no longer needs advanced memory care or elopement protection, then alternative placement on another pavilion may be sought.

## Alzheimer's Support Group

Grand Traverse Pavilions facilitates dementia caregiver support every first and third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at Hawthorn Cottage.

## Secured Unit

For the safety of our residents, Elm is a secured unit. Access is limited to staff working on the unit. Families and visitors will need to ring the doorbell at the entrance of the Unit to have staff assist with entering and exiting.

