

Keeping Care Close to Home

At Melissa Memorial Hospital, every decision comes down to one core principle: keeping patients as close to home as possible.

When a patient arrives in the emergency department with a serious condition, the care team carefully considers every option. Sometimes, transferring to a larger hospital is necessary—but not always. The ability to provide high-quality care locally can make all the difference for patients and their families.

Being treated close to home means more than just convenience. It means that loved ones don't have to travel long distances, take time off work, or worry about childcare. It means staying in a familiar environment, with a support system nearby. The stress of an illness is already overwhelming—adding the burden of travel can make it even harder.

That's why Melissa Memorial continually invests in advanced technology, specialized training, and partnerships with larger health systems. By expanding local capabilities, the hospital reduces the need for transfers, ensuring that patients can receive top-tier care without leaving their community.

However, when a higher level of care is necessary, Melissa Memorial's EMS service ensures that patients are transported safely and efficiently. Whether moving a critical patient to a larger facility or assisting neighboring hospitals with their own transfers, the EMS team provides expert care throughout the journey. Their skill and dedication mean that when a transfer is required, patients and their families can have confidence in a smooth and timely transition to the right level of care.

At its heart, this commitment is about more than just medicine. It's about people, families, and the belief that no one should have to choose between the care they need and the place they call home.

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