

CareOne Sets New Standards at Somerset Valley with Comprehensive Cardiac Care and State-of-the-Art Renovations. *Major Achievement at Somerset Valley Rehabilitation & Nursing Center.*

SOMERSET, NJ — CareOne, a premier network of senior care centers throughout New Jersey, has made a major advancement in post-hospitalization cardiac care. Somerset Valley Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, a CareOne center, has been selected by Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, to pioneer an innovative program for patients with congestive heart failure. The new Comprehensive Cardiac Care Program is now fully supported with a complete renovation of the entire unit.

“Congestive heart failure has reached epidemic proportions with over 5 million people in the U.S. diagnosed. Heart failure is the number one reason for Medicare readmissions to the hospital in this area,” reported Dr. Mark Lebenthal, Cardiologist at Robert Wood Johnson and Director of the Comprehensive Cardiac Care Program at Somerset Valley. “Overall, there has been a lack of coordination of patient care when transitioning from the hospital to rehabilitation facilities.” The new cardiac care program has been implemented with advanced training at all levels to help reduce hospital readmissions and potentially shorten the time in the hospital for patients.

New Level of Care Empowers Patients to Reduce Hospital Readmissions.

“A key enhancement to our program is the addition of a full-time Nurse Practitioner (NP) to our team, who is trained in our cardiac care procedures. Our NP reviews cases, examines patients, writes orders and is the intermediary for doctors and nurses, particularly when physicians are not immediately available,” stated Dr. Lebenthal, “This adds an important level of quality and security for our healthcare professionals while being assuring and empowering for our patients.”

The program is a new model of care at Somerset Valley with competences one would expect to find in a hospital setting. Cardiac care capabilities include Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD), remote telemetry, on-site EKG, echocardiograms, oxygen and respiratory therapy. Our specially designed clinical protocols for cardiac patients are under the supervision of Board-Certified Cardiologists who make weekly rounds with evaluations and directed care plans.



Dr. Mark Lebenthal, Medical Director of CHF Program and Dr. Jeffery Kaladas, SVR Medical Director



Director of Nursing, Monica Pongracz brings her clinical expertise to our nursing team, consisting of all RN's.

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“With continual monitoring, we know if patients are showing any signs of problems before they become a real health concern,” said Elizabeth Schiff-Heedles, Regional Operations and Marketing Manager at CareOne. “Our entire staff is right on top of their care to prevent acute situations and reduce hospital readmissions.” The goal at CareOne is to smoothly transition patients home with coordinated home care using Tele-Health Service for Visiting Nurses from certified agencies.

Beautiful, Modern Renovations Surrounded by a Superior Staff.

Somerset Valley Rehabilitation & Nursing Center has fully redesigned their 64-bed unit to support the new Comprehensive Cardiac Care Program and enable a new level of care for patients with congestive heart failure and other medical conditions.

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“The warm and welcoming state-of-the-art setting will enable our patients to receive the highest level of medical care in a comforting environment,” said Elizabeth Schiff-Heedles, Regional Operations and Marketing Manager at CareOne. “While our care has been elevated to include many capabilities of a hospital, the facility has the appeal of a beautiful hotel.”

In addition to spacious, well-appointed rooms, an open central dining area features tall, angled ceilings as well as glass to connect patients with the outside environment. “The new dining space is designed around our nursing station to surround patients with continuous care by our healthcare staff,” explained Admissions Director, Alecia Charlton. “The new look and feel is very special, and most importantly, the care we are able to provide is beyond exceptional.”

The Latest Innovations Support Advanced Healthcare Teams.

The renovation integrates advancements of all key systems including remote telemetry to provide continuous heart monitoring. A cell booster is designed to stream live data to notify physicians if there are any heart abnormalities.

“Every nurse at Somerset Valley Rehabilitation and Nursing Center is a Registered Nurse, and I am so excited to share these innovations with them and all of our team members,” said Rachelle Vilsaint-Laing, RN, Clinical Reimbursement Coordinator. “We are a family and we treat our patients like family,” Ling Li, Director of Rehab, echoed. “Working together as a team, we achieve more.”



What separates the SVR team from all others is their passion, dedication, compassion and expertise when caring for your loved ones.



Alecia Charlton, Director of Admissions and Elizabeth Schiff-Heedles, Regional Operations and Marketing Manager, offer their “hands-on approach” to ensure that our future assisted living residents are truly comfortable and happy in their new home.

The atrium lobby is currently being updated and will be ready to welcome guests in January 2015. “We are also updating our courtyard to create a beautiful area for peaceful relaxation and visits with loved ones,” reported Marta Haviland, MA, CTRS Director, Therapeutic Recreation. “We are thrilled to provide new services and settings for our community.”

Further enhancements encompass the Activities Suite and gym with new high-tech physical therapy equipment. The newly renovated center is supported with everything from the latest vital sign mechanics to more patient-friendly equipment, specialty mattresses, and a modernized kitchenette. Jessie Ikurekong, Food Service Director at Somerset Valley says, “The residents here are well cared for by every department, and the new facilities and capabilities add great value to the Somerset County community.”

New Look, New Feel, Continuous Improvements.

The new look and feel is ongoing. CareOne is in the midst of constructing a new building that will house a contemporary, 72-bed assisted living and memory care unit. The new facility will be completed by summer 2015. At the spring open house, a model room will exhibit an inviting atmosphere designed for wellness.

To learn more about Somerset Valley Rehabilitation and Nursing Center and to schedule a tour today, please visit our website: <http://care-one.com/locations/somerset-valley-rehabilitation-and-nursing-center/>.



At SVR, we offer the ultimate dining experience customized to meet the specialized needs of all our patients.



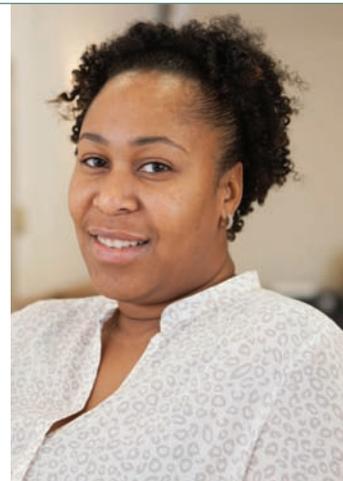
During your rehabilitation, our luxurious new rooms will provide the comforts of home.



Although still under construction, the beauty of our new courtyard will captivate our patients and allow them to enjoy a taste of nature.

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About Somerset Valley Rehabilitation & Nursing Center

Somerset Valley Rehabilitation & Nursing Center is a leading provider of sub-acute care and long-term care nursing services and is committed to providing quality rehabilitative programs designed to maximize wellness and independence. Somerset Valley offers specialized programs for patients recovering from a multitude of conditions and diagnoses. Our unique physician-driven programs are designed to address the individual needs of each patient, ensuring maximum recovery potential. At Somerset Valley, we believe that partnering with leading experts in the health care industry sets us apart and results in improved patient outcomes. That's why we seek out the best and brightest talent, educated in a variety of medical specialties, to ensure our patients receive the highest level of care and services available.