

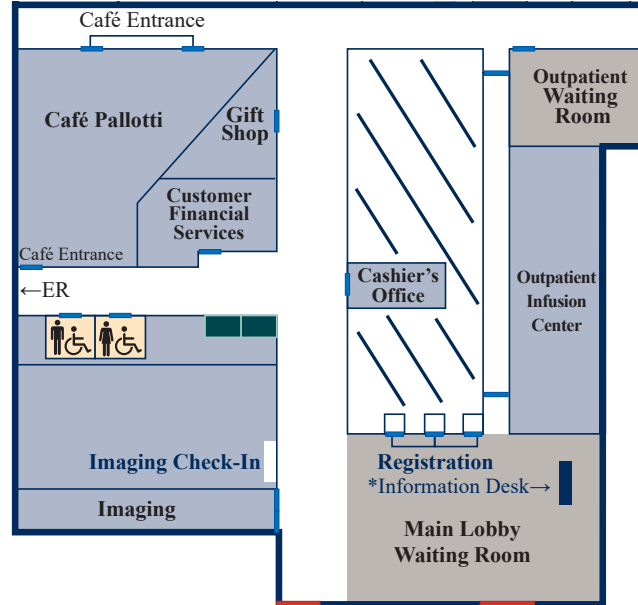
St. Joseph's Hospital Outpatient Infusion Center

The Outpatient Infusion Center at St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon treats patients who need infusions including, but not limited to: *intravenous medications, blood transfusions, biotherapy drugs, and long-course IV antibiotic therapy*. The center also provides care and maintenance of central venous access devices, like *implanted infusion ports* and *PICC lines*. The Infusion Center is staffed by Registered Nurses who are specially trained in managing intravenous infusions.

Located on the first floor of the hospital, the center is open *Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm by appointment only*. Appointments are scheduled to allow for the length of time needed to administer the medication or blood.

The Outpatient Infusion Center works closely with a patient's referring provider, as well as the patient's family and caregivers. Our team collaborates with other hospital departments including laboratory, radiology, and dietary to provide the best treatment course for each patient.

To schedule an appointment, please call your physician. If you have questions or need to speak directly to our staff, please call **304-473-2184**.



Mission Statement

We are inspired by the love of Christ to provide our community with quality healthcare in ways which respect the God-given dignity of each person and the sacredness of human life.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL 

*More Ways to Care,
Right Here at Home.*

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Outpatient Infusion Center



- + Intravenous medications
- + Blood transfusions
- + Biotherapy drugs
- + Long-course IV antibiotic therapy
- + and more

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Buckhannon, WV 26201

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Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I report for my appointment?

St. Joseph's Hospital's Outpatient Infusion Center is located on the first floor of the hospital. Please check in at the Information Desk in the Main Lobby and have a seat in the waiting room. You will be called and registered before entering the infusion center.

What happens next?

Once checked in, you will receive a hospital ID band/bracelet, and then a registration clerk will bring you back to the infusion center. In the infusion center your vital signs will be taken and you will meet your assigned nurse.

Your nurse will review your doctor's orders with you and obtain blood samples if ordered. He or she will also ask questions about your current health status to update your hospital record. Your nurse will then proceed with the ordered treatment (injection, infusion, etc.). If you have blood drawn it usually takes approximately one hour for results to be available.

If you are receiving a blood or platelet transfusion, the blood bank will require a

minimum of two hours to check your blood type and find a match for you. If your treatment is dependent on your blood result, as soon as your result is available your nurse will inform the pharmacy after discussing the results with your doctor. The pharmacy will make the drug and send it to your nurse. Please allow enough time for your visit as these processes can add 30 minutes and upwards to your total treatment time.

How long does the actual ordered treatment take?

The length of treatment depends on what your doctor has ordered. Your assigned nurse should be able to provide you with an estimated time frame.

Can I eat during the treatment?

Unless your doctor has asked you to fast or skip medication before your treatment, please eat a light meal and take your medication as prescribed. Complimentary breakfast, lunch, or light snack can be provided. Your nurse will provide you with the menu. You may also bring your own snack or purchase food from the Café Pallotti in the hospital. The Café is located on the first floor of the hospital.

What can I bring with me?

The infusion center is equipped with a television. You may bring in portable electronic devices as long as you use headphones. These devices must be kept with you at all times as the hospital is not liable for any loss or damage to your property. Some patients read books, draw, or knit to help pass

the time. Wireless internet access is available to all guests in the hospital.

Dressing in layers is highly recommended for your comfort. Blankets and pillows are available and will be provided at your request. All of our treatment recliners are heated and have massage capabilities. Patient restrooms are located in the infusion center. Guests can use the restrooms outside the infusion center.

How are my medications compounded?

Infusion medications are compounded in St. Joseph's Hospital Pharmacy in a new state-of-the-art clean room. It is equipped with the most advanced in technical air systems, providing a sterile environment for pharmacy staff to work.

This allows pharmacy staff to complete a wide range of sterile intravenous medications for chemotherapy, rheumatology, antibiotics, fluid replacement, Chron's disease, and many other diseases requiring infusion.

If you have any other questions or need to speak directly to staff at the Outpatient Infusion Center, please call [304-473-2184](tel:304-473-2184).

