



## The big move! SPCU relocates

The Surgical Progressive Care Unit relocated at the end of February from 6E to Tower 10 based on valuable feedback from staff during leadership rounding sessions.

This new and improved unit features 28 beds, including 22 private and three semi-private rooms. The relocation provides patients and staff with a larger, newly renovated space, while increasing the number of private rooms, and continues UPMC's commitment to high quality, compassionate care.



*SPCU staff and directors on moving day*

## How is the relocation going?



*"Relocating SPCU to T10 has given our team the space and environment to enhance patient safety and elevate outcomes. The private rooms allow for quieter healing spaces, improved privacy, and more room for staff to work safely around equipment."*

—Jason Kubat, MSN, RN, unit director

*"The transfer is going well. The newer unit is much more spacious and the updates are nice!"*

—Andrea Stapleton, HUC

*"The patients are enjoying having more space!"*

—Rebecca Peterman, RN

## Enhanced security measures promote culture of safety

UPMC Altoona has been adding new safety measures while reinforcing existing methods systemwide.

### The enhanced safety measures include:

- Updated codes of conduct with visitation guidelines
- Use of plain language
- Safety rounds
- Lockable safety rooms for emergency situations
- ED magnetometers
- Evolv entry technology



New safety measures include workplace violence training, such as de-escalation techniques and hands-on training via the facility's new "Run, Hide, Fight" drills. To further promote a safe and secure work environment, leadership is encouraging the use of additional safety conditions/codes, such as Condition Support.



**Condition Support** is a policy that addresses escalated, aggressive, assaultive, and/or threatening behaviors by a patient and/or visitor.

The purpose of this policy is to provide safety and protection to patients, visitors, and staff through activation of a systemwide Condition Support.

This specific code/condition is paged overhead and promptly responded to by clinical and security personnel trained in de-escalation techniques and use of least-restrictive interventions.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



**Nursing students**  
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**Graduate nurses**  
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## On vacation

This is the final StethoSCOOP of the school year.

We hope you have found every issue informative and helpful, and we welcome your feedback.

If you missed an issue or two, you can find them all [here](#).

The Stethoscoop will return in Sept. 2026.

Have a great summer!

