



# Critical Access Hospital Profile

## Spotlight on: Ashley, North Dakota

# Ashley Medical Center

### Quick Facts

**Administrator:**

Eric Heupel, CEO

**Chief of Medical Staff:**

Dr. Bradley Skari

**Board Chair:** Polly Ulrigh**City Population:**

749 (2019 estimate)<sup>1</sup>

**County Population:**

2,809 (2019 estimate)<sup>1</sup>

**County Median Household Income:**

\$37,500 (2019 estimate)<sup>1</sup>

**County Median Age:**

52.7 years (2019 estimate)<sup>1</sup>

**Service Area Population:**

2,000-2,500

**Owned by:** Community**Hospital Beds:** 20**Skilled Nursing Facility Beds:** 40**Trauma Level:** V**Critical Access Hospital Designation:** 2001**Economic Impact on the Community<sup>2</sup>****Jobs:**

Primary – 92

Secondary – 39

Total – 131

**Financial Impact:**

Primary – \$5.79 million

Secondary – \$1.5 million

Total – \$7.19 million

### Mission

Ashley Medical Center is a community service organization which provides preventative, curative, supportive and educational health care that meets the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the people we serve.

**County:** McIntosh

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The Ashley Medical Center (AMC) is a non-profit, community owned hospital located in Ashley, North Dakota. AMC is governed by a publicly elected board of directors. It is the largest hospital complex in McIntosh County and serves an approximate 50 mile radius around Ashley.

### Services

Ashley Medical Center provides the following services directly:

- Acute Care
- Swing Bed
- Obstetrics (emergency only)
- Pediatric Care
- Observation Care
- Physical Therapy
- Social Services
- Dietary
- Radiology
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Surgery
- Mammography
- Cat Scan
- Anesthesia
- Emergency Room
- IV Therapy
- EMS Services
- Chemotherapy Administration
- Out Reach Physician Services (Internal Medicine)
- Telemedicine (Speech Therapy, Education, Medical)
- Laboratory
- EKG
- WIC
- Health Information
- Community Education
- Cardiac Stress Testing
- Wellness Program
- Preferred Service Provider
- Clinic Prenatal Care
- Home Health Care
- Hospice
- Skilled Nursing Facility
- PT/OT Outside Contracts

## Staffing

Physicians: ..... 1  
Nurse Practitioners: ..... 3  
RNs: ..... 17  
LPNs: ..... 10  
Total Employees: ..... 134

## Local Sponsors and Grant Funding Sources

- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Center for Rural Health
  - SHIP Grant (Small Hospital Improvement Program)
  - Flex Grant (Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program)
- Community Endowment Grants
- North Dakota Health Department Scholarship
- North Dakota Health Flex (HRSA)
- USDA Community Facility Grant
- Workforce Safety Grant

## Sources

- 1 - US census Bureau; 2010 State and County QuickFacts
- 2 - Economic Impact 2020 Center for Rural Health Oklahoma State University and Center for Rural Health University of North Dakota



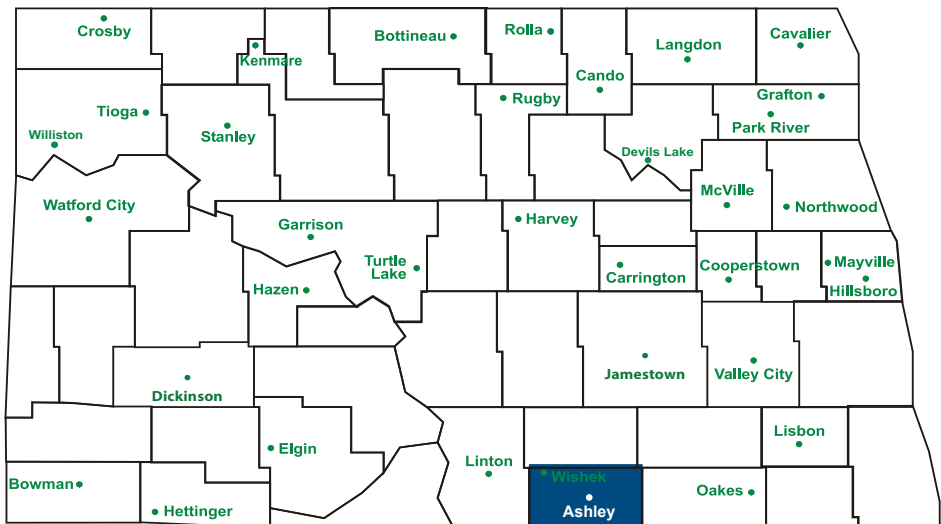
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[ruralhealth.und.edu](http://ruralhealth.und.edu)

The following services are provided through contract or agreement:

- Rural Mental Health
- Speech and Hearing Services
- Medic Alert System
- Prosthetics & Orthotics
- Cardiac Ultrasound
- Nuclear Medicine (MRI, Dexiscan)
- Telemetry
- Radiology (Radiography, Fluoroscopy Ultrasound)
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics
- Cardiology
- Oncology
- Laboratory (Microbiology, Specialty Laboratory Tests, Pathology)

## North Dakota Critical Access Hospitals



## History

In 1952, The McIntosh County Memorial Hospital (as it was then known) opened its doors. Today the Ashley Medical Center (AMC) has grown into a complex of a 20 bed critical access hospital, with the capability of utilizing swing beds; a level 4 trauma center; 44 skilled nursing home beds; home health; hospice; quality service providers; one clinic in Ashley, one clinic in Zeeland, and one clinic in Kulm, North Dakota. There are 10 apartments attached to the hospital, and 25 apartments in the remodeled Harmony Homes complex. The AMC also owns two professional buildings where a surgeon, an optometrist, an ophthalmologist, and two chiropractors practice.

McIntosh County has been designated as a health care professional shortage area. AMC employs 95 full time and 39 part time people.

An Ashley-based general surgeon, an internal medicine physician, and two licensed family nurse practitioner comprise the immediate medical staff. Nine consulting physicians come to the AMC on a regular basis. Their specialties are ophthalmology, orthopedic, cardiology, pathology, optometry, chiropractic care, a clinical audiologist and radiologist.

## Recreation

AMC is located in a rural area that is a hunter's paradise. Deer, pheasant, geese, duck and quail are abundant. Numerous lakes provide quality fishing all year around. Many bird watchers are drawn to the area for the large variety of birds that make their homes here. Ashley also boasts a state of the art Fitness Center.

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