

COLORADO RURAL HEALTH CENTER

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Member of the Month: Yuma District Hospital

Denver, CO— Yuma District Hospital is a 22-bed Critical Access Hospital and Level IV Trauma Center located outside of Yuma, CO - serving over 7,000 residents from Yuma



and Washington counties. They offer inpatient care, surgical care, obstetrics and delivery, 24 hour emergency room, diagnostic imaging, laboratory, rehabilitation services, swing bed care, and home health care. The Yuma Clinic – a Federally Certified rural health clinic - is affiliated with the hospital and serves as a rotation site for physicians in Colorado family practice residency programs.

In addition, the [Center for Specialty Medicine](#), also located in the hospital, provides space for visiting specialists in a wide range of specialties. Also affiliated with the hospital is the Akron Clinic, which is staffed by a Family Practice Physician and Nurse Practitioner. The Akron Clinic offers laboratory and x-ray services on-site, physical therapy, independent exercise and home health care services.

Yuma County was formed in 1889 from a portion of Washington County. Located on the Northeastern Colorado Plains with Nebraska and Kansas at its border, Yuma County has an area of approximately 2,379 square miles. To learn more about the region's public health priorities, check out the [2013 Public Health Improvement Plan](#).

The Yuma District Hospital has been a member of the Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) for over a decade. The hospital is highly engaged in numerous programs and services offered through CRHC. Yuma is currently participating in the [Improving Communication and Readmission](#) (iCARE) project, which offers Colorado's CAHs and their clinics the opportunity to engage in a statewide improvement project aligning with national trends and funding priorities demonstrating sustainable improvements and outcomes.

In addition, the hospital participates in the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) Grant, which is a statewide collaborative project focusing on creating and refining quality improvement systems and processes with the goal of meeting electronic health record (EHR) Meaningful Use criteria.

Yuma District Hospital is also contracted with CRHC's Colorado Provider Recruitment (CPR), a nonprofit recruitment program. Currently, CPR is recruiting a mid-level provider (Family Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant) for the Yuma Clinic.

"The staff at Yuma are incredible!" said Courtney Ryan, Quality Improvement Specialist at CRHC. "The hospital and clinics provide an amazing level of care to their patients. They are truly providing high quality healthcare in their community," added Ryan.

Staff and leadership at Yuma District Hospital and Clinics regularly attend CRHC sponsored events and educational webinars and workshops. They also participate in Healthy Clinic Assessments, Peer Review, the CREATE program, Health Information Technology services and a variety of fee for services. As a highly engaged member with CRHC, we are proud to announce Yuma District Hospital as December's Member of the Month.

About The Colorado Rural Health Center

The Colorado Rural Health Center was established in 1991 as Colorado's State Office of Rural Health. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, CRHC's serves dual roles as the State Office of Rural Health with the mission of assisting rural communities in addressing healthcare issues; and as the State Rural Health Association, advocating for policy change to ensure that rural Coloradoans have access to comprehensive, affordable healthcare services of the highest quality. For more information visit www.coruralhealth.org, call 303-832-7493, or call toll free 800-851-6782 from rural Colorado.

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