

## *Ferry County Memorial Hospital good choice for long-term care*

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“Where do I even start?” This is often the first question adult children ask themselves when faced with finding the right long term care facility for a parent or loved one.

Siblings may want to plan ahead, if this is possible, begin by asking what are the parents’ wishes, advanced directives are an important question we should ask of them. Talk candidly and frank about their wishes and your abilities. They will feel better knowing that their wishes are known and you will feel better knowing what they want. Financial decisions need to be made also.

Ferry County Hospital has a good track record of providing quality care and supporting its residents. Care is provided by properly trained staff members: Nursing Assistances are trained, certified and licensed by Washington State. Registered Nurses and/or Licensed Practical Nurses are always available on site 24/7. The facility provides a warm friendly safe living environment for the residents. Residents are served nutritious meals overseen by a

licensed dietician. Some of the popular activities include bingo, arts and crafts and listening to the live Buckshot Band. If you are looking for options for your family member we encourage you to schedule a visit and see for yourself what we have to offer.

Helpful hints in choosing the right place:

1. Visit the long-term care facility
2. Talk to current residents and their families
3. Meet with staff members
4. Ask lots of questions

No one knows what it’s like to live at a long-term care facility better than current residents and their family members. Ask them if there are happy here. Meet with staff members and ask lots of questions.

If you have questions, please contact Teresa D’Lerma, RN, Resident Care Coordinator at 509-775-3333.

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