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Richard Barker,
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911

**Clinic Appointments** 

276-2400

**Hospital Information** 

276-3347

**Adult Day Center** 

276-1542

**Community Resources** 

211

**Domestic Violence Help** 

276-2042

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276-9410

## Physical Therapy Services

World War I gave rise to the physical therapy profession. Specialists were needed to help wounded soldiers regain the use of injured limbs. Physical therapists help patients improve their ability to maintain an upright posture and to move arms and legs to engage in tasks and activities.

Physical therapists often teach patients how to do exercises to gain strength and perform tasks without difficulty or pain.

## Stephanie Lang, PTA

Stephanie Lang freely admits she is not the same person who joined the Therapy Department as a physical therapy assistant in 2013. "When I started my heart was in pediatrics, but working with older patients, I've discovered my real passion is geriatrics. Just listening to their stories and the history they have to tell makes my day."

Many bed patients arrive here for skilled nursing care and physical rehabilitation. "They may have weakness due to surgery. It's inspiring to see they can't walk when they get here but after a few weeks of physical therapy they are up and down the halls or at least using a walker."



Lang knew she wanted to enter the profession after watching a physical therapist train her one-year-old son to sit up. The child had lagged physically as a result of premature birth. She joined the hospital after earning a PTA degree from Murray State College. "I've worked with patients from age 3 to 103 and wouldn't trade for the experience," she said.

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