

# PALESTINE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Palestine, Texas

(Population: 18,000 • Service area: 105,000)

Nestled among the piney woods and dogwood trees of East Texas, the city of Palestine is the second oldest in Texas, offering a rich heritage, rolling hills, scenic waterways, Victorian homes, and a host of antique shops.

## THE HOSPITAL

Palestine Regional Medical Center, a 177-bed full-service facility, offers a full range of comprehensive care, including the latest in diagnostic, therapeutic and rehabilitative services, both on an inpatient and outpatient basis. More than 550 employees and volunteers work closely with the medical staff, which includes over 80 physicians representing 28 different specialties.



Our 11,500-square-foot Birth Place shows our commitment to family-centered maternity care. Four spacious labor/delivery/recovery rooms allow mothers and their newborns to enjoy quality care in a homelike atmosphere equipped with the latest obstetrical equipment.

Palestine Regional has recently invested \$16 million in advanced healthcare technology. This includes the purchase of a new state-of-the-art MRI system, addition of four new surgery suites, expanded recovery rooms and a new cardiac cath lab featuring the most current digital rotational angiography. Other projects include expansion of the ER and Day Surgery areas, the renovating and expanding of radiology and registration, and the remodeling of patient rooms.



## THE COMMUNITY

Palestine is a graceful, romantic city, second only to Galveston in the number of historic Texas landmarks, with over 1,600 historical sites.

Educational opportunities abound in this community. Palestine has two school districts. Palestine Independent School District includes five elementary campuses, one intermediate campus, one middle school and one high school, with programs for gifted and talented students as well as high school honors and advanced placement courses. Westwood School District employs almost 200 teachers with a student teacher ration of 21:1 and programs in special education, gifted and talented, and honors.

Trinity Valley Community College has served the Palestine community since 1972, offering vocational, technical and associate degree programs as well as diverse continuing education and community services. The Palestine campus of *The University of Texas at Tyler* offers bachelor's degrees in nursing, business, health professions and interdisciplinary studies, with teacher certification for PreK through 4th grade. Master's degrees are offered in nursing, business and educational leadership.



## Distance to Major Cities

Tyler, TX	50 miles
Dallas, TX	120 miles
Houston, TX	150 miles
Austin, TX	160 miles



## Local Points of Interest

- **Old Town Palestine** – an historic, restored mercantile area of old Palestine dating back to 1846.
- **Historic Texas State Railroad** – an original 1896 steam locomotive takes passengers on a 30-mile tour of scenic East Texas forests.
- **Local Landmarks** – claiming more than 1,600 historic Texas landmarks, Palestine is second only to Galveston.

The *Palestine Community Theater* produces four plays each season. Named the "Outstanding Library in the United States" in 1992, the *Palestine Public Library* has over 70,000 volumes. *The Palestine Civic Center* offers 25,000 square feet of entertainment possibilities under one roof. And Palestine is host of the *Spring Dogwood Trails Festival* and the annual *Texas Hot Pepper Festival*.

## RECREATION

Just 20 miles north of town, 25,000-acre *Lake Palestine* offers abundant opportunities to fish, sail, camp or simply relax. Just north of town is *Davey Dogwood Park*, 200 acres of streams, trees and winding roads. In addition, there are 700 acres in the *Palestine Community Forest*.



Additional recreational opportunities include golf, canoeing, cycling, hiking and tennis. Or you can enjoy a ride on the *Texas State Railroad* (above), an 1896 train, pulled by one of the original steam locomotives, that takes you on a 30-mile tour of scenic East Texas forests. The Palestine YMCA offers a full range of services from youth sports activities to programs for senior citizens, all designed

to help promote healthy lifestyles.



(l-to-r) Sacred Heart Catholic Church (est. 1863); a performance at the Palestine Civic Center; and historic architecture from the 1800's adorn the city's many tree-lined streets.