UNPARALLELED TREATMENT. PROVEN OUTCOMES.

Menninger
Patients at Menninger receive personalized care with results that prove effective for at least up to a year after discharge. The pioneering outcomes for behavioral health treatment confirm what thousands of Menninger patients have consistently described as life changing.

Looking beyond mere patient satisfaction data, Menninger leads the way by using research-based, gold-standard measures. Every adult and adolescent patient completes weekly questionnaires administered on a tablet during their stay. Treatment teams receive the data in real-time, alerting the clinicians to high-risk patients requiring immediate attention. Teams also review the reports with patients, providing concrete evidence of improvements, the patient may not otherwise self-identify, as well as highlighting areas to continue to target in treatment.

For more than a decade, Menninger has systematically tracked clinical outcomes and applied what we learn to future patients. In turn, Menninger is continually revolutionizing our approach to mental health.

Throughout treatment and up to one year after discharge, Menninger patients show significant improvements in:

- Championing Patient Outcomes.
- depression
- anxiety
- emotion regulation
- disability
- overall well-being

No other facility matches the comprehensive nature of our inpatient outcomes measurement, as well as the sample size of our outcomes database.
Gold Standards

“We have a unique patient population, and finding ways to continually build on and improve how we measure our patients’ progress is of highest priority. It’s ideal for learning and separates us from the rest.”

Michelle Patriquin, PhD, ABPP, Director of Research

Wellness That Endures.

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No other treatment providers have data that guided for one year after discharge to demonstrate that patients sustain their wellness or improve over time.

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Peer-Reviewed Publications From Our Outcomes Data


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On average, Menninger patients’ depression levels begin in the moderately severe range and drop to the mild range at discharge.

Quality measurement is the single most important tool in improving the quality of mental health care.
National Institutes of Health (NIH) Toolbox®

Menninger utilizes the NIH Toolbox®, a comprehensive set of neurobehavioral measurements that quickly assess cognitive, emotional, sensory and motor functions from the convenience of an iPad. This tool is developed and validated with state-of-the-art science that has established its psychometric properties. An important difference is that the NIH Toolbox® provides an objective measure of patient functioning.

Menninger currently has a large sample of NIH Toolbox® cognition data measuring pre- and post-treatment executive functioning improvements in an inpatient psychiatric sample of adolescents and adults. Our average improvement across pre- and post-treatment is exceptional – almost a full standard deviation.

Recent Improvements to Menninger Measurement Data

- Using iPads to easily deliver measures
- Post-discharge patients easily complete outcomes assessments using their smart device
- Integration of outcomes groups in patient schedules allows for dedicated time for patients to complete outcomes measures
- Using color-coded reports to enhance interpretation by treatment teams, patients and families
- Increasing assessments from biweekly to weekly
- Access to reports within 24 hours in order to immediately impact patient care
- The ability to track outcomes data seamlessly for patients who transfer from one program to another
- Increased consistency of measures used across all programs

Setting New Standards in Mental Health Care

As a leader in psychiatric care, Menninger continues to innovate the prevention and treatment of mental illness, substance use and behavioral addiction. Menninger doesn’t just set industry standards; it’s committed to surpassing them.

Menninger’s care is evidence-based, and the outcomes data demonstrate its effectiveness. When combined within an optimal healing environment and the efforts of a custom-fit treatment team of experts, our patients succeed in attaining their goals and dreams.

Inpatients at Menninger

- Have at least three psychiatric disorders
- Often include both substance use issues or behavior addictions
- Have averaged three prior hospitalizations
- Have been treated by an average of three prescribing psychiatrists previously
- Have been in psychotherapy with the same or different therapists an average of four times previously

“Thousands of our patients have participated in our clinical outcomes project. They have maintained life-changing results that last.”

Armando Colombo, President and CEO, Menninger

Our Patients & The Menninger Difference
Right Treatment at the Right Time.
Inpatient specialty treatment at Menninger is intensive and longer in term, allowing patients to get a definitive diagnosis, regain healthy regimens and become confident in applying the tools needed for long-term wellness. The inpatient treatment period ranges from three to eight weeks.

Whenever additional step-down care is needed prior to returning to an outpatient clinician, the continuity of a psychiatrist, psychologist, addictions counselor or individual therapist can strengthen the individual’s preparation for independent living. Menninger offers a growing spectrum of treatment options.

Excellence In Care
- Mood disorders, including bipolar disorder
- Anxiety disorders, including obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD)
- Suicidal thoughts and self-harm
- Trauma
- Relationship problems
- Substance use detoxification
- Addictive behavior, such as social media, internet and gaming overuse, gambling and overspending
- Personality disorders

Excellence In Expertise
- Family conflict
- Anger, impulsivity and disruptive behavior
- Grief and loss
- Women’s mental health
- Problems sleeping
- LGBTQ issues
- Transitions during stages of life
- Challenging career issues

All addictions counselors have their master’s degrees
Nurses all have a bachelor’s degree, and the majority hold board certification in one or more specialties.

Our certified therapists provide empirically based Daring Way™ groups and therapy. The Daring Way™, developed by Brené Brown, PhD, focuses on courage building, shame resilience and uncovering the power of vulnerability.
Menninger’s Greatest Asset: People

Patient care at Menninger is under the direction of a dedicated and talented group of professionals. Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Social workers, Therapists, Nurses, Addiction professionals. But our patients do not stand alone. Each becomes a part of this team.

Menninger believes that patients with similar experiences provide valuable support to one another during treatment. Our specialty inpatient programs unite young adults in the Compass Program, individuals in stressful careers in the Professionals Program, adults with trauma or relationship challenges in the Hope Program and teens in the Adolescent Program and Day Hospital. Last year, our patients came from 41 states and beyond:

• 47.8% from Texas
• 50.7% from other states
• 1.5% international

Menninger’s multi-layered treatment begins with comprehensive assessment and individualized team treatment. The team is comprised of highly skilled and credentialed care professionals.

Treatment Team Members

• Patient
• Psychiatrist
• Psychologist
• Social worker
• Psychiatric nurse
• Psychiatric rehabilitation specialist
• As warranted: a licensed chemical dependency counselor, chaplain and other specialists

Physicians Leading Treatment

• 20 psychiatrists assigned to Menninger hold faculty positions at Baylor College of Medicine
• On-site Internal Medicine and Pharmacy Departments
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“Lenni, Lindsay, Torresy and my entire treatment team helped me see the light at the end of the tunnel,” says Sandy. “They helped me learn how to be vulnerable, how to deal with my underlying mental issues to start the healing process.” He found the skills he learned for handling stress particularly useful – especially cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) and dialectical behavior therapy (DBT). He was also able to be active, continue his art and benefit from a more scheduled way of life. “Menninger helped me learn how to be a healthy human being,” Sandy shares. “That takes work, and I’m willing to commit to that every day.”

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Sandy’s Success Story

Sandy Kupfer is a son, an artist, a musician and a friend. He is funny, magnetic and an inspiration to the world around him. His life has had a large share of hardships and heartbreaks, some of which sent him spiraling to dark places. Yet he found his way out by accepting help. This is his story.

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Previously prescribed medication had simply been sedating Sandy, causing side effects instead of reducing his paranoia and suicidal thoughts. With time on his side, Sandy’s treatment team was able to find the right medication for him.

Sandy also made great progress through art therapy, family therapy and physical activities. As part of the program, Sandy had the opportunity to participate in a variety of substance use recovery options. Sandy engaged in Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Smart Recovery and Refuge Recovery, choosing to pursue the Alcoholics Anonymous pathway to sobriety.

“Sandy worked tirelessly to focus on himself and create a new identity as an artist and musician – without substances,” says Tomyey Smith, LPC, LCDD-I, Sandy’s chemical dependency counselor. “His commitment and persistence were inspiring.”

Upon completion of Compass, Sandy transitioned seamlessly to Pathfinder, Menninger’s community integration program, with a supportive community and continuity of his physician, individual therapist and addictions counselor.

Today, you’ll find Sandy skiing on the East Coast when visiting his family or surfing on the California coast where he currently attends college. “Life is good now,” Sandy shares. “I’m creating my art, exercising, taking care of myself and asking for support when I need it. Even on the tough days, I now have the tools I need. I know I’m going to be successful.”

“I’m living my second life, and I plan on doing the most with it... It’s never too late to make a change.”

Sandy Kupfer, former patient
Learn more about the impact Menninger’s care can have on individuals struggling with mental health issues.

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