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New Name, Same Great Service

AN UPDATE TO PRIVATE DUTY NURSING

In the future, you may see materials or hear conversation that refers to our service Home Care Nursing, or HCN. This change comes after a reform was proposed in legislation this past session and signed into effect on July 1 to change this service name from Private Duty Nursing Service (PDNS) to Home Care Nursing. However, rest assured that you can still expect the same comprehensive, specialized care that has been provided since we began this service.

This was an industry-wide change, with the new name clarifying and modernizing the terminology in a way that better reflects the work our in-home nurses do to care for and provide services to complex patients at home every day.

If you have any questions about our Home Care Nursing service, please don't hesitate to contact us by calling 651-642-1825 and asking for any available HCN staff person.



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SCIG KEEPS OLIVIA HEALTHY



Cover Story

When Olivia grows up, she wants to be a pediatric nurse so she can help kids – just like she's seen them do in the hospital and at home.

Diagnosed with immune deficiency at three years old and then later with a mitochondrial disorder, Olivia had a port and g-tube placed when she

was four. She also did IVIG therapy to improve her immune system. But, after experiencing issues with how her body reacted during the infusions, she was introduced to SCIG by a PHS nurse.

Olivia had her port and g-tube removed in October 2013 after her gastric motility concerns were managed and she was weaned off her feeding tube. And, thanks to SCIG at home, she can spend her time focusing on school, gymnastics and time with her two sisters.

Read more:

PediatricHomeService.com/blog/thriving-at-home-olivia

Message from Our Medical Director

PHS TO STUDY CENTRAL LINES IN CHILDREN

PHS is conducting a study to learn more about preventing and treating central line complications in pediatric patients.

In tracking referred patients, PHS has demonstrated a consistently low number of central line associated bloodstream infections. Yet, relatively little is known about the incidence of complications and effectiveness of interventions associated with central lines in pediatric patients at home. The PHS study will

track the success or failure of interventions to treat complications, and PHS infusion therapy patients who give informed consent will be followed during the time their lines are present.

Read more:

PediatricHomeService.com/blog/central-line-study



Infusions Made Easier SEAMLESS CARE WITH THERAPY AT HOME

When patients receive infusion therapy at home, life can continue – uninterrupted. And when PHS is providing the therapy, care is always comprehensive.

Our nurses, pharmacists and clinicians work alongside hospital and clinic health care providers to ensure each patient's transition from hospital to home is seamless – and your job is easier.

Infusion nurses and pharmacists provide support 24/7. No matter the situation, patients, families and providers can rest assured knowing their needs will be met.

Whether your patient is in need of total parenteral nutrition, subcutaneous or intravenous immunoglobulin, antibiotics, or any number of other therapies we provide, our infusion nurses and in-house infusion pharmacy are ready to meet you and your patient's individualized needs.

Read more:

PediatricHomeService.com/blog/bringing-infusion-home

Changing Connectors PREPARING FOR ENTERAL CONNECTOR UPDATES

To increase patient safety, reduce the risk of misconnections and create international consistency, manufacturers of enteral products are working to create a new lock method for correctly matched enteral connectors. The decision was driven by a desire to eliminate misconnections to ensure patient safety in all care settings. The new connectors will be available in 2015.

At PHS, we recognize that this could be a big change for some of our parents and caregivers. We are doing everything to ensure a smooth transition, including creating new education tools around the connectors. Stay tuned to the PHS blog and our website for materials we will be preparing for those using the affected supplies as soon as they are available.

Read more:

PediatricHomeService.com/blog/changing-connectors

Bringing Online Ordering to Our Families ENSURING A SMOOTH PROCESS

After recognizing that a number of our families would prefer an option to order their supplies from PHS online, we set out to create a system that would help them do just that.

With the new system, working with PHS is getting easier for your patients - and we know they are eager to begin ordering their supplies online. Of course, those who prefer to order over the phone will still be able to do so.

In the upcoming months, we will be extensively testing the system to ensure it functions as smoothly as possible for our families before going live.

Read more:

PediatricHomeService.com/blog/online-ordering

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