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PHS Collaborates for JAVA

GREAT MINDS CREATE PEDIATRIC GUIDELINES

In January 2012, PHS infusion staff Michelle Curley, RN, CRNI, and Jill Wall, BSN, CRNI, partnered with the Cincinnati Children's Hospital and The National Home Infusion Association (NHIA) to create guidelines for central venous catheter care of pediatric homecare patients.

Recently, the Journal of the Association of Vascular Access (JAVA) approached this team to write an article based on the new guidelines. The team took their guidelines for evidence-based

central venous catheter maintenance practices for pediatric homecare patients and wrote the article in a more narrative, easy-to-consume format while also providing specific examples.

The article, titled Central Vascular Access Guidelines for Pediatric Home Based Patients: Driving Best Practices, appeared in the Summer 2013 issue of JAVA.

Visit the PHS blog for more information. **Blog keyword: JAVA**



Thriving at Home COORDINATING NICK'S CARE

After Nick was born with cerebral palsy and a number of other medical complexities, Bernadette and her husband, Steve, were told their son wouldn't live very long.

Today, at 26, continuity of care with respiratory therapy, infusion therapy, nutrition and private duty nursing through PHS has made Nick's transition from youth to adulthood smooth and seamless as his team works to reduce infections and monitor his nutrition to ensure proper nourishment.

Visit the PHS blog to learn more about how coordinated care benefits Nick.

Blog keywords: Nick Thrives

Growing Education PARTNERING WITH YOU

When a child is diagnosed with a medically-complex condition, many families with no medical background have to quickly learn how to provide round-the-clock, high-level care.

The education department at PHS works with hospitals to ensure families receive consistent communication and training across all platforms. Our training classes for health care professionals and families on respiratory and infusion therapies are unparalleled.

Read our blog to learn more about what the education department is doing to train and educate.

Blog keywords: Education Grows

Message from Our Medical Director

INFANTS AND POSITIONING DEVICES

Pediatric Home Service specializes in not only clinical services for medically-complex children, but also durable medical equipment. One product PHS provides is a bed wedge, historically prescribed in conjunction with a Danny sling to treat infants with severe gastroesophageal reflux.

A position paper by the American Academy of Pediatrics addressed the potential hazards of bed-sharing and bedding, including the use of bed wedges with infants. As a result, PHS revised its guidelines on positioning devices.

To learn more about the risks of and our policy on bed wedges, visit the PHS blog.

Blog keywords: Bed Wedge

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