

What's coming up?

CONFERENCES WE'LL BE ATTENDING

- **North Central Region Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse Society**
October 23-24 – La Crosse, WI
- **American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference & Exhibition**
October 24-27 – Washington D.C.
- **Intersections: A Donate Life Symposium**
November 5 – Minneapolis, MN
- **Infusion Nurses Society National Academy of Infusion Therapy Year-end Convention** – November 6-8 – Dallas, TX
- **American Association for Respiratory Care Congress**
November 7-10 – Tampa, FL
- **Annual IHI National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care**
December 6-9 – Orlando, FL
- **Pediatric Quality and Patient Safety Conference: Collaborating to Make Pediatric Care Safer in Minnesota** – December 18 - Minneapolis, MN

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Thriving at Home

AINE KARATE CHOPS A POOR PROGNOSIS



Aine with her brother, Liam, after winning karate awards

When Nicole found out at her 10 week ultrasound that her daughter, Aine, had a cystic hygroma, tetralogy of fallot, and DiGeorge

syndrome, she was told not to expect her to make it through the pregnancy.

Once she did, she was told Aine would likely not make it through birth. And once she was born, chances of respiratory

failure and seizures were high due to the status of her lungs.

Today, Aine is a spunky four year old who enjoys reading books, going horseback riding on her therapy horse Belle, and doing karate – constantly making strides no one could have predicted.

“I look at her and can’t believe how she’s progressed leaps and bounds,” said Nicole. “She came home with an open chest and open sternum – but now, her care is just our new norm. It’s just what we know.”

To meet Aine, search keywords *Aine Thrives*



Lynn Buchholz, RN, ANCC, CRNI

Meet Lynn Buchholz BRINGING INFUSION CARE HOME

Nurses take care of patients in many settings– hospital, clinic, or home – and in her 30-plus years in the profession, Lynn has experienced them all. But where she has found the most impact is administering infusions in a child’s home, where they’re able to avoid unnecessary travel and exposure to illness.

“It’s pretty cool what we do, really – I didn’t know it existed before I worked at PHS,” mentioned Lynn. “Some of these homes are mini-ICUs. They have everything, and they do everything. Providing infusion therapy at home makes complete sense for these kiddos.”

Lynn knows that providing an entire clinical team of support for families also means peace of mind for caregivers.

To learn more about Lynn, search keywords: *Lynn Buchholz*



Bruce Estrem, Manager of Clinical Education, leads training

Training EMS Personnel RESPONDING TO OUR POPULATION

Last month, PHS welcomed two Hennepin County EMS personnel to our office for an afternoon of training on providing care for children with tracheostomies and/or central lines. This gives EMS a better idea of what they can expect if they are called to homes to treat patients in these medical situations.

Following the session, this information was taken back to each station in Hennepin County where EMS trainer, Erin, will conduct the same session to ensure all 700 first responders are knowledgeable in these cares, should they encounter a complex patient on a call.

Learn more about an alert system that’s in the works and how we’re training EMS personnel by searching keyword: *Responders*



Roy Maynard, MD

Message from Our Medical Director

MEDICAL CANNABIS RESEARCH

There is some evidence that medical cannabis may ameliorate nausea, vomiting and chronic pain conditions in adults. However, any potential benefit from medical cannabis for pediatric patients remains less clear and is mostly anecdotal.

Medical marijuana and cannabis oil are considered schedule 1 drugs, meaning there there is currently no accepted medical use for treatment in the US.

However, there are currently formal research trials ongoing to assess the risk/benefit of medical cannabis in children with seizures and other disorders - hopefully these studies will shed further light on which children may benefit from this drug.

To learn more about medical cannabis, search keyword: *Cannabis*

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