

Find Us at These Events

LOCAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- **North Regional Bi-State Annual Respiratory Care Conference**
May 2 – Wisconsin Dells, WI
- **Infusion Nursing Society/Oley Conference**
May 6-9 – Minneapolis, MN
- **MN AAP Hot Topics in Pediatric Conference**
May 12 – Bloomington, MN
- **MN National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners Conference**
May 15 – Minneapolis, MN
- **University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital Topics and Advances in Pediatrics Conference**
June 1-2 – Minneapolis, MN

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INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Robert Has Success At Home With His Team

PLUS:

A study published on milrinone therapy, access our recent conference online, and how we're benchmarking home care



Thriving at Home

SUPPORT AND ADAPTABILITY DRIVE ROBERT'S SUCCESS



Cover Story

When Dan and Joy found out their son Robert had a complex medical condition when he was 14 months old, they did the only

“Every day is different, and it especially was in the beginning because it was so new,” remembers Joy. “But eventually it becomes a totally normal thing. You just adapt to it. And we have never changed our mind about wanting him at home.”

Robert had also been supported by family and an incredible group of health care providers his entire life – all teaming up to fulfill Joy and Dan’s plan to keep their son at home.

After coming on service for respiratory care at two years old, Robert is one of PHS’s longest running patients. Today, he continues to receive care at home while cheering on the Twins and live his happiest life.

Read more: [PediatricHomeService.com/blog/robert-thrives-at-home](https://www.pediatrichomeservice.com/blog/robert-thrives-at-home)

thing they knew to do – take the information they had been given, and adjust accordingly. Over 20 years later, this method of taking things one step at a time and adapting to what the current landscape looks like for Robert’s care is keeping him happy and healthy at home.



IV Milrinone Therapy PHS STUDY PUBLISHED ON MEDICATION

Michelle Curley, RN, CRNI (Infusion Manager), Jill Liebers, PharmD, (Pharmacy Manager), and Roy Maynard, MD (Medical Director) recently conducted a study of intravenous milrinone therapy in pediatric outpatients, and the findings are available in the March/April 2017 issue of the Journal of Infusion Nursing.

Through a review of medical literature and retrospective charts of PHS patients, Curley, Liebers, and Maynard could compare the reasons for referral of outpatient milrinone therapy, duration of treatment, readmission rate, and additional indicators of safety.

Milrinone is administered as a continuous infusion for patients with acute decompensated heart failure. Children managed as outpatients may benefit from this therapy as a treatment for cardiac dysfunction, as a destination therapy for cardiac transplant, or as a palliative therapy for cardiomyopathy.

Read the complete paper at:
[PediatricHomeService.com/Newsroom](https://www.pediatrichomeservice.com/Newsroom)

Our Conference Resources EMERGENCIES & COMPLEX PEDIATRICS

On April 27, over 100 nurses from around the state attended the Emergencies and Complex Pediatric conference, where they heard presentations on topics related to pediatric emergencies in the home including:

- Collaborating with EMS: roles, when to call, and what to do when EMS arrives
- Managing the emotional and social complexities of an emergency
- How to respond to anaphylaxis
- Sepsis: signs and responses

Would you like to learn more and earn 7 CEs? Health care professionals now have the opportunity to virtually attend the conference and gain a greater understanding of what to do in the case of an emergency in the home with a pediatric patient for only \$XX.

To access conference presentations, register at: XYZ address

Message from our Medical Director BENCHMARKING HOME CARE

Benchmarking home care is essential to demonstrate that improvement in both quality of care and the individual experience can be done with less healthcare expenditures.

To address the need for data within the pediatric home care sector, PHS puts a strong focus on compiling and publishing information surrounding our patient population. Recently, we conducted studies related to pediatric outpatients:

- PHS experience with continuous intravenous milrinone therapy
- The frequency, treatment, and outcomes of complications associated with central venous lines
- The use of nasogastric (NG) feeding tubes (in progress)

To learn more about these studies and how PHS is benchmarking data, visit [PediatricHomeService.com/blog/benchmarking-pediatric-home-care](https://www.pediatrichomeservice.com/blog/benchmarking-pediatric-home-care)

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