

PHS RT Sarah Brundidge Named President Elect of WSRC

LOOKS FORWARD TO RAISING AWARENESS, CREATING IMPACT DURING FOUR YEAR TERM



Sarah Brundidge, MSc, RRT, AE-C, RPFT was recently named President Elect of the Wisconsin Society for Respiratory Care (WSRC), an affiliate of the AARC.

In this role, Sarah will carry out the society's mission of "reducing morbidity, mortality, and disability from pulmonary disease through education, prevention, rehabilitation, and disease management."

Sarah, who has been with PHS since the opening of our Milwaukee branch in September 2018, recently went to Washington, D.C. on behalf of the WSRC to lobby for policy changes related to respiratory care and looks forward to continuing this advocacy in her new role.

Read the press release announcement at:

PediatricHomeService.com/news/sarah-brundidge



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Helping Patients Prepare for Adulthood

TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO PLAN FOR CHANGES TO HEALTHCARE



Children with medical complexities have often been seen at the same hospitals and by the same doctors their entire lives - so when they become an

adult and unexpectedly receive news that they will need to find an adult care provider due to hospital and clinic policies, it is often a shocking and stressful discovery.

From a legal aspect, once a patient turns 18 they are considered an adult and the primary contact for their healthcare. However, for some children with medical complexities, a parent or

guardian may continue managing their care and assuming the responsibilities as they did previously - a decision that requires providers to obtain proper paperwork to remain compliant with HIPAA regulations.

Patients will be able to continue receiving care from PHS as long as we have a contract with their insurance provider, but we recognized that many families were unaware of the recommended age to begin planning for transition (as young as 12) and a lack of resources available to help them in this process. Recently, we created tools and compiled resources to make finding information easy.

To see these resources and share them with your patients, visit: PHSTurning18.com



Bivona Trachs Restocked in Limited Quantities

HOW WE'RE TAKING ACTION

Smiths Medical informed PHS in March that sterilized Bivona trach tubes would be unavailable due to the closure of their sterilization company by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Although they are shipping on a strategic schedule, our supply is still limited as we work to restock to full capacity. We expect to be fully stocked by the end of May.

If you have a patient who receives Bivona trach tubes from PHS, it is possible we will need to obtain new patient orders for a similar product until we are fully stocked again.

We have updated all PHS patients who use Bivona trach tubes that they were unavailable.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns - we hope to make this process as seamless as possible for our families and healthcare partners.

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Shared Blessings, Inc. Offers Parent Support

EVENTS HELP BUILD COMMUNITY

For the past 14 years, Annie and her husband Chris have been immersed in the medical world and all of the appointments, durable medical equipment, and nursing needs that come with it.

As the parents of two children - now ages 14 and 10 - with an extremely rare chromosomal disorder (so rare, in fact, that there are currently no other known people in the world with their exact chromosomal make up), they looked for opportunities to find community and friendships within the medically complex population from very early on in their journey.

When Annie and Chris weren't finding these options, they started to think about taking matters into their own hands and creating a resource for families in the area.

Learn more about how this organization helps create community in central WI at:

PediatricHomeService.com/blog/shared-blessings



Meet Cameo Zehnder, the New CEO of PHS

CARRYING ON THE FAMILY LEGACY

We are thrilled to announce that our Chief Operations Officer and General Counsel, Cameo Zehnder, JD, was recently appointed to the role of CEO at PHS.

Cameo has been with PHS since 1994, starting as a temporary filing clerk and moving through many roles within the company.

"For nearly 30 years, PHS has been a family-owned and family-led company. For the past 25 years, I have been blessed to call PHS not only my employer, but my extended family," said Zehnder. "I am incredibly fortunate to be surrounded by strength at every level of the organization - colleagues who work tirelessly every day to ensure our patients are receiving the very best care and service."

Learn more about Cameo at:
PediatricHomeService.com/blog/cameo-zehnder-ceo

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