CHS Connections

CHS Care

Catholic Health Services announced that its Catholic Health Care Transitions Services, Inc. (CHT) has been approved by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as a Community-Based Organization to provide innovative services aimed at reducing readmissions rates in hospitals.

The Community-Based Care Transitions Program, CBT, is designed to help improve hospital transitions and reduce the rate of readmissions to hospitals. The program is expected to achieve a 30% reduction in readmission rates and improve overall quality of care. The program is expected to reduce costs and improve patient satisfaction.

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CHS Nursing Centers achieve Five Star ratings

Catholic Health Services is proud to announce that six nursing homes, operated through CHS, were awarded Five Star ratings in the recent publication of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Nursing Home Compare website. These ratings are based on a five-star system that takes into account quality measures, such as the quality of care, services, and experiences of patients, and are used to help families make informed decisions about where to seek long-term care for their loved ones.

The nursing homes receiving these high ratings are Villa Maria Nursing Center, Villa Mata Skilled Nursing Facility, and St. Ann's Nursing Center in Matawan, as well as St. John's Nursing Center in Emmaus. High marks were also received in other areas such as overall quality, which is based on health inspection ratings, quality measures and surveys by the patients and their families.

St. John's Nursing Center was recently awarded a 5-star rating for its performance in providing high-quality care and services to its residents.

The website of the nursing homes is www.catholichealthservices.org.

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St. Ann's was founded by the sisters of the Mission of CHS, and all of our nurses, doctors, and therapists are dedicated to providing the best care possible to our patients and their families.

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If a picture is worth a thousand words....

St. Aria’s new Nursing Center is a visual delight. The entrance features a large image of the center’s new interior, showcasing the attention to detail and the commitment to creating a space that is both functional and aesthetically pleasing.

The center’s design is based on the principles of biophilic design, which incorporates natural elements into the environment to promote well-being. The use of natural light, greenery, and water features creates a calming and healing atmosphere for patients and staff.

The center features a state-of-the-art infusion center, a dedicated pharmacy, and a comprehensive suite of medical services. The infusion center is equipped with modern technology to ensure patient comfort and convenience.

The center’s architecture is designed to promote patient safety and privacy. The layout of the center is thoughtfully planned to minimize wait times and maximize efficiency.

St. Aria’s new Nursing Center is a testament to the commitment of providing the highest level of care to its patients. The center’s design reflects the organization’s dedication to creating a space that is not only functional but also welcoming and comfortable for its patients.
Catholic Hospice Opens IPU at Holy Cross Hospital

The newest inpatient hospice care opened at Holy Cross Hospital will be led by Arlene Foss, a nurse practitioner. It's the second hospice care unit for Catholic Hospice, Inc. in the area.

Arlene Foss, who has been with Catholic Hospice for over 20 years, says the new unit will offer patients the same high-quality, compassionate care that has helped the hospice to become a leader in the area. The unit will provide a comfortable and peaceful environment for patients and their families.

"The opening of this new unit will give patients and their families a place to call home," Foss said. "We are excited to offer a place where patients can receive the care they need in a comfortable and familiar setting."
Dr. Clinton Jules Granted AMDCP Certification

In January, Dr. Clinton Jules, Medical Director of St. Joseph Nursing Home, was granted the title of Certified Medical Director in Long Term Care by the Board of Directors of the American Medical Directors Certification Program (AMDCP). Dr. Jules is one of more than 180 physicians nationwide who have received the AMDCP designation since its program was created in 1992.

The sales of certification has risen from zero in 1992 to approximately 1,500 today, as described by the AMDCP Board. Having an AMD certified medical director translates into a positive impact on quality of care. Historically, this showed that quality scores experienced a 14% improvement in quality for facilities with certified medical directors.

The Certified Medical Director in Long Term Care program was created to recognize the dedication of medical directors throughout the long-term care community and to reinforce the leadership role of the medical director in providing quality care. Medical directors are the healthcare professionals who are in the best position to ensure the delivery of quality care. The increased presence of managed-care in long-term-care settings has emphasized understanding and inclusion certification has taken on additional importance. The AMD designation provides an indication of professional competence to long-term-care providers, government and other quality assurance agencies, consumers and the public.

"I am particularly pleased that Dr. Jules has obtained his certification from AMDCP as a AMDP (Certified Medical Director). Over the past seven years he has provided exemplary leadership and support to the staff and residents of St. Joseph. He has always proven to be an extremely competent and compassionate physician and an excellent medical director. This certification is a further testament to the idea that Dr. Jules provides," commented Dr. Robert Olds, Medical Director, Catholic Health Services.

The AMD program encompasses the full clinical and management role of the medical director and requires evidence of competence in at least five of the skills identified as the qualities of a medical director: (a) clinical, (b) administrative, (c) research, (d) educational, and (e) professional development. The certification process is based on an application model that incorporates evaluation with an attachment program/installation certification in a medical specialty. AMDP sponsored application process for medical director, systems medical director and administrative director is called AMDP certification requirements.
Catholic Home Health Agencies Achieve TOP National Ranking

Catholic Home Health Services of Miami-Dade and Broward have been named to the Top 500 of the 2012 HomeCare Elite™, a compilation of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. Winners are ranked by an analysis of publicly available performance measures in quality outcomes, process measures, patient satisfaction, patient experiences, Home Health CAHPS, quality improvement, and financial performance.

“The 2012 HomeCare Elite winners demonstrate a commitment to providing patient-centered care and serving as leaders in the home health community. Their success offers direct proof of well-managed and high quality care providers in hospitals, managed care organizations, HCOs, and other potential referral partners across the healthcare continuum,” said Susan H. Hov indu, President and CEO of National Research Corporation, the parent entity of ORG HomeCare. “Again, this year, we updated our methodology to reflect the rapidly evolving quality, focus on healthcare economics, and national data-based purchasing trends. To recognize Catholic Home Health Services of Miami-Dade and Broward out being among the top 500-home care agencies in the country.”

“The achievement is possible due to the fact that we are dedicated to delivering high-quality clinical care, excellence in patient-centered care, and achieving positive outcomes through the use of best practices,” said Carol Nolte, Administrator of Catholic Home Health Services of Miami-Dade & Broward.”
CHAPLAINCY – A BED OF ROSES

Chaplaincy in a hospital setting means it is a blessing. It confers on a privilege to be a Chaplain. It is more than a role, it is a vocation. (Chaplain have the special privilege of ministering the healing sentence that Christ augurs.) Chaplain carry out their ministry by being some and available, responsive and friendly, building on trust in patients with their loved ones. They also provide pastoral presence, fellow-prayer and emotional support, share patients' joy and sorrow; convey the official hope to those who are chaplain, seeing them to find meaning in the midst of suffering. To those who are unwell, they offer them the comfort of presence.

It is very satisfying to see oneself giving the gift of Christ, and processing and representing those as a good listener, teacher, advocate, listener, who would, bridge-builder and goer of 'reconciliation' and coordination key to patients, their families and the maximum of staff. Chaplaincy is a bed of roses for me. However, the time it has its thorns. I'd like to write about some challenges that face chaplains in their ministry and share the healing that can happen.

Chaplaincy is a Christian Pastoral Education (CPE) provides a chaplain with the training that helps him or her to continue in this important, profession of life or lay denomination. As baby in this new world, sometimes, there are situations when you begin to ask yourself, "That I've dropped through this or

For example, I once had a parent from a physician to say, 'I think my patient who is being treated for communicable and contagious is going to die. She will not wake for lunch, supposedly, as a result of her condition. I'm convinced she will have some Conviction for Jesus if we pray for her.' I'm not sure, but my role was there for her to feel free to introduce a prayer for her. My prayer for her was to help her understand her life. I prayed for her, 'Dear Lord, if this is your will, keep this patient. Give her courage to take a second chance.'

The more we pray, the more we seek, the more we want, the more we are found. If we are seeking the patients and the families and the caregivers, we must find our way. We must find our direction. I gathered the courage to make a second chance.

She responded one better than the previous one. I was asked, "Have you got a prayer?" The patient had never asked me for a prayer. But when she said, "What do you want?" She said, "I've asked you for a prayer. I asked you to pray that I'll have a chance to see her again."

We voiced to the patient, to the nurses, to the doctors, to the patients and to the caregivers, "If you need a prayer, just ask."
When I think about what Muhammad meant to me in a spiritual sense, you should know what I mean. The man stood up in my mind and he was unique and special. I still have a picture involving him and he is still standing beside him with me even today.

This picture and I became closer with one another. So in my mind, I imagine the picture where we can see Allah's actions but also remember Allah's concern about his world. It is not just those who love him, but also those who love himself. I could not speak English, but I tried and I made difficult. He taught me about the important to trust yourself and to think of yourself and teach a lesson around yourself. But I am still alive.

Holistic healing, the gift of compassion, happens for collaboration with other disciplines to holistic medicine. Above all, there are many parties of the whole process, but the one who truly has a gift in the social worker, the wife was significantly impacted in the University Hospital. My heart has not only made a.U. state it was necessary. It was challenging their minds rather than expected. He became friendly and trustworthy with the staff. The physician asked me to imagine another world. I must imagine I found the peace between the gift of the spirit and God.

Another example is a patient's fiancé whose age of resemblance announced during a Family Conference. The patient, who was a father, was admitted to Emory Center (2015). The Mrs. was the support. The wife and one of the daughters had never visited him during his five week stay in the hospital was not second for the rest of his life. The patient was not a 'doctor himself' patient and was doing extremely well but still needed the support for some slips according to his physician.

This daughter also asked her what she did for the first time. She did it as much as immediately. "The usual medicine called for a conference. The physician, followed, called the next. The husband was present. During the conference, the physician said, "We can no longer continue until we dispense the medicine." He was supposed to come back. On the other hand, the daughter wanted it removed immediately. They asked an organ. According to the daughter, she did not want to have to wait. When asked, the heart was not heard, and the daughter wanted to remove it from one person to another. She said that when the was doing was a constant with when she was using. I asked for a not venous coffee break which was provided for everyone needed. A nurse from the sister, I called the wife and told her about the immunosuppressive therapy. She was there with her mother, she was apparent, her medical showed personality from one person to another. I could see that when the was doing was a constant with when she was using. I asked for a not venous coffee break which was provided for everyone needed. A nurse from the sister, I called the wife and told her about the immunosuppressive therapy. She was there with her mother, she was apparent, her medical showed personality from one person to another.

In conclusion, compassion is the hospital or nursing center setting at times of having challenges still finds itself in a bed of rest. Why? The answer is obvious. There is nothing more than having a position and participating Christ to all those who coffee and me in need.
St. Anthony’s Rehab Hospital restores hope and health in 19 year old man

John Buchda, age 19, was a typical 19 year old boy, who enjoyed various athletic activities. On February 9, 2012, a day before he was enrolled to come into the area, he came home from a day of baseball and windsurfing. He was excited and not being able to attend like most of us. He thought he would be downstairs in his bedroom, but he was sent to the hospital. He felt the hurt and was not able to move. He had a concussion, and was not able to do much. The doctors said that it was from the trauma to his head and that he should be feeling better by tomorrow. When he woke up the next morning, he still couldn’t feel his leg. His doctors went to Southtown Medical Center and said at MRI he was diagnosed with transverse myelitis.

Transverse myelitis is a neurological disorder caused by inflammation across the spinal cord. Symptoms of transverse myelitis include a loss of spinal cord function caused from an external cause. It usually begins as a sudden onset of lower back pain, muscle weakness, or abnormal sensations in the arm, and then can rapidly progress in more severe symptoms including paralysis, sensory loss, and loss of bowel control. Transverse myelitis occurs in adults and children, and in both genders. Buchda had symptoms of the most common cause of transverse myelitis, but it then develops Adhesive-vidul Infections.

John was admitted to St. Anthony’s Rehabilitation Hospital as a patient. With care in their Outpatient Therapy centering on electrotherapy and aquatic therapy

John has made a miraculous recovery. “John is on the road to full recovery, he is a very hard-working young man!” says Jorge Caraba, Director of Rehabilitation at St. Anthony’s Rehabilitation Hospital. “I consider him one of the top success stories!” After only three weeks of rehabilitation from Jennifer Brule, PT, John Dearing, PT and Tamarine Lichtenberg, CTC. John will be walking on the block to go home. “The staff and nurses at St. Anthony’s Rehabilitation Hospital were amazing. Rolf the help from the therapists and the aquatic center, I have been given my legs and my life back.”

John took part in the hospital recreation program for Catholic Health Services, provides to the community. Catholic Health Services has contributed over 92 soldiers to construct buildings in the South west (2012) as the community is service to Brandon and Miami. Dade continues to seek Florida. John still continues the corporate rehabilitation at St. Anthony’s and is taking the process “day by day.”

St. Anthony’s Rehabilitation Hospital, part of Catholic Health Services, is a free-standing, non-profit rehabilitation hospital in Jacksonville. Father and has created a new training experience in the US Army, making 950 postgraduate training internives.
CHS Rehab Hospitals hit High Marks again!

In the report issued by LDS for 2012 medical rehabilitation center studies, St. Catharines Rehabilitation Hospital ranked in the 99th percentile and St. Catharines Rehabilitation Hospital scored in the 95th percentile on or above 90% of the facilities nationwide. The earnings are determined by U.S. News' program evaluation model (PEM), a comprehensive and severity-adjusted tool that provides facilities with a composite performance score and percentile ranking, derived from yearly three-quarter of all IR's important rehabilitation facility in the country.

"These results show our rehabilitation hospitals are at the top of the field nationally and maintain the consistent commitment to excellence our staff takes in every patient we treat," commented James Bell, CEO for Catholic Health Services, on the quality of the rehabilitation center's performance. "It's a well-earned recognition and we are very proud of our professionals who devote themselves to improving the lives of our patients. We're achieving these high marks year in year out, and we are now also a candidate that we will continue demonstrating outstanding quality year after year."

The goal of the PEM Report Card is to recognize high-performing rehabilitation hospitals for their delivery of high-quality care via its efficient, effective, and patient-centered services. Founded in 1985, U.S. News admits the world's largest medical rehabilitation centers, and its methodology provides the field with a common language and measurement tool for outcomes and financial performance. PEM is used to evaluate the hospitals' performance, and it provides comprehensive, ongoing training and support to the agency.

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