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EZ Lift Available

The EZ Lift device is a battery powered electric patient lift that can be accessed via the House Orderly (beeper 89-0223). Its primary function is to lift patients from the bed, chair, toilet and floor. At this time, we do not have the software that would allow us to do a patient's weight, however, that is under consideration. The EZ lift is rated to 600 pounds lifting capacity. Please save your backs and increase patient safety by requesting the EZ Lift when appropriate.

Thank you.

Barb Scheiber Director of Patient Care Support



Educational and Professional Development Programs

There are no classes scheduled for the months of July and August, 2002.

September

- 11th Percepting Basics for Unlicensed Individuals
- 18th Percepting Basics for Licensed Individuals
- 30th Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course/ENPC





OR Extension Information

Our internal customer survey indicated that at times it is hard to reach someone in the operating room. To assist, please refer to the following extensions:

- **55618** OR Main Desk, call between 6:30a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- **55618** Voicemail after 6:00 p.m. Please call this extension if you need to leave a non-emergent message. Messages are picked up at 6:00 a.m.
- 55913 Charge Nurse Phone (24 hour access) Please do not use this extension after midnight if it is not urgent.
- **54463** Pre and Post-Op Care Unit (This is the extension that staff should be using between 6 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to give report on surgical patients.)

I hope this clears up any miscommunication. If you have any further concerns, please call me at Extension 55913.

Thank you,

June Bohlig Charge Nurse



Welcome New Domestic Violence Advocate

My name is Juanita Bell Bruemmer. I have recently been hired for the position of Hospital-Based Domestic Violence Advocate and would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I am returning to work in the field of domestic violence after being away from it for several years. I am very happy that I have the opportunity to work as an advocate again. For the past 5 years, I have been working as a teacher. Prior to teaching, I was employed by Mid-Minnesota Women's Center in Brainerd, MN, where I worked as a Women and Children's Advocate for 4 years.

I am a graduate of both St. Cloud University, where I received my BS in Education, and St. Mary's University, where I received my MA in Education. It is my belief that the liberation and empowerment of the victims of domestic violence comes through education.

I have lived in the St. Cloud area for nearly 5 years now. It will be great to live and work in the same community. I am looking forward to working at St. Cloud Hospital as a Hospital-Based Domestic Violence Advocate.

Sincerely,

Juanita Bell Bruemmer Domestic Violence Advocate

Summer has officially begun!



What Does a Domestic Violence Advocate Do?

Advocates provide services to patients, visitors and employees who are experiencing abuse in a domestic relationship. Depending on the individual's needs, an advocate may spend a few minutes to several hours with an individual. The advocate first establishes whether or not the patient is interested in speaking with her. Patients are given total control over this option. An advocate's most important role is to support the victim/survivor. Support means listening, validating and affirming the patient's decisions, whether he or she is staying in an abusive relationship or ending it. An advocate will usually discuss safety planning. This involves helping the battered person identify what strategies can be utilized to stay as safe as possible. Advocates also discuss the dynamics of domestic abuse; affirming that physical, sexual and emotional abuse are not the victim/survivor's fault. They discuss legal options and community resources that are available, such as shelters, support groups, housing, financial assistance and child protection.

If you have any questions, feel free to call. St. Cloud Hospital Based Advocacy Program Juanita Bell Bruemmer – Ext. 53224 Marilyn Keith – Ext. 53213

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July!



Congratulations to the Following Who Have Achieved or Maintained Their Level III or IV Clinical Ladder Status!

Level III's

Terry Klophake, RN

- Cardiovascular Class
- Safety Skill Station
- Melrose High Healthy Habits
- Safety Module

<u>Karen Lashinski, RN</u>

- PI Committee
- Champion Peri Op Side Verification
- Preceptor
- Pain Task Force
- Kids Friendly Task Force
- Resolve Through Sharing

Lori Schaefer, RN

- Preceptor
- Planning Committee Workshop
- ROE Committee
- New Construction Task Force
- CPR Instructor

Mellissa Helmin, RN

- Neuro Critical Care Class
- Neuro Signs & Symptoms
- CMAC
- CPR Instructor
- ROE Committee

Linda Donabauer, RN

- Omnicell Super User
- Preceptor
- Task Force Product Review
- SGNA
- CGRN

Dennis Zwilling, CGRN

- Nursing Process Core Group Leader
- EKG Class Inservice
- Inservice Leadership
- Champion Audits Conscious Sedation
- Preceptor
- AACN
- Pacemaker Equipment Added to Omnicell
- Nurse Practice Committee
- Automated Documentation Committee

<u>Kathy Morin, BSN</u>

- Urology Workshop
- Omnicell Super User
- PI Committee
- Preceptor
- Champion Pain Audits

Lori Asfeld, RNC

- Women's Expo
- Preceptor
- It's a Gutsy Business Workshop
- ROE Committee
- Step Up Step Down Task Force
- Women's Health Patient Care Counsel
- Mini Inservices Urology Update

Kathy Toulouse, RN

- Omnicell Supervisor
- Pharmacy Liaison
- PPS Inservice
- Chair PI Committee
- Preceptor
- Transferring Inservice
- CNPC
- PPS Assessment Tool
- Self Catheter Patient Resource Tool

Level IV's

Alice Schneider, RN

- OB Emergency Inservice
- Fetal Monitoring 101 Inservice
- Preceptor
- PI Committee
- Induction and Augmentation Inservice
- Fall Perinatal Comm
- Chair Lactation Advisory Committee
- Pre-term Labor Committee
- Fetal Monitoring Resource Sheet

<u>Kirsten Skillings, RN</u>

- Critical Care Class (Trauma)
- Nursing Process Core Group Leader
- Omnicell Supervisor
- Spring Workshop: "We will survive"
- ROE Committee
- Sigma Theta Tau
- Code Blue Skill Station
- TNCC
- AACN
- MOLN



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