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♥ NURSING NEWS ♥

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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 - Perceiving Basics for Unlicensed Individuals

18th - Perceiving 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!***



