

UC Davis Home Health

Provider Update

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Our mission is to provide exemplary home care that responds to the diverse physical, psychosocial and spiritual needs of patients during the healing process.

Mission

Our mission is to provide exemplary care that supports the diverse physical, emotional, spiritual and cultural needs of our patients and their families.

Referrals

We accept patient referrals by EMR, phone or fax. To refer a patient to UC Davis Home Health, please call 916-734-2458 or 800-268-9232 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or fax 916-454-1903. When calling after hours, ask to speak with the home care nurse who is on call.

UC Davis Home Health and Education

Home Health is committed to providing CSUS nursing students with the opportunity to see how care is delivered in the home setting. Home health is a unique specialty in nursing because it is where the medical model intersects with the psycho-social and community-based needs of individuals. In 2013, UC Davis Home Health nurses mentored 40 CSUS students during a one day clinical rotation. The students were able to see first-hand the medical complexity of the patients living at home. Many procedures once reserved for inpatient care is now being performed in the home setting. From disease management and education to central line care, para and thoracentesis, wound vac application, and wound debridement in the home, CSUS nursing students are exposed to many advanced home therapies.

When surveyed after their clinical day, 100% of students reported observing nurses educating patients and caregivers on chronic disease, post-operative care, and medications. Further, 70% of students observed advanced wound care including wound vac placement. Pain management is an area of focus for home health nurses, and 96% of students observed a comprehensive pain assessment and management of very complex patients. 22% of students were exposed to ostomy management and 17% observed central line care.

One of the survey questions asked the students what they learned that will impact their future nursing practice. Many of the students acknowledged the importance of tailoring patient education specifically to the patient's level of understanding and educational abilities, using teachback method, and breaking up education into smaller digestible parts to ensure patient understanding and retention. They also acknowledged the importance of assessing the entire home environment and adapting care based on clinical observations.

One student wrote, "I observed and learned how to incorporate teaching to patient and patient's family members about procedures and meds (verbalize back and demonstrate back understanding) and I learned how to change a PICC line dressing."

Other students spoke to the value of the experience in observing highly skilled nurses in a home-based care environment. "I had one of the most enjoyable experiences to date this semester. The nurse was incredibly knowledgeable, helpful, and informative. When it came to patient care, she was very compassionate. All the patients were content with their care and enjoyed having her care for them. I am grateful that I got a chance to shadow her. Thanks!"