

Chronic and Long Term Care Services and Support

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Current Challenges

SAFETY FOR A FRAIL, VULNERABLE POPULATION

- Inadequately prepared workforce
 - Reimbursement that is not competitive to acute care settings
 - Poor coordination between care settings
 - Lack of leadership and gerontological content
- Few Nurses are positioned as decision makers
 - Chronic Care that is unmanaged
 - Lack of prevention/health promotion
- Little use of Technology
 - Many nursing homes do not have computers
 - Little funding for equipment
 - Little funding for interventions using technology

Accomplishments To Date

- Workforce
 - John A. Hartford Foundation leadership—Over \$75 million
 - Geriatric Nurse Leadership Academy
 - Donald W. Reynolds replication of the Schmieding In Home Caregiver Training program
 - Statewide education consortium in Oregon and Minnesota
 - Sigma Theta Tau International Center for Nursing Excellence in Long Term Care
- Decision Making
- Information Technology
 - Medicare reimbursement for in-home surveillance
 - Electronic Health Records

Recommendations

- Well prepared long term care workforce essential to quality health care and quality of life outcomes
 - Direct Care Workers—Certified Nursing Assistants and Home Health Assistants
 - Established pipeline to registered nurse programs
 - Identified Geriatric curriculum in all Registered Nurse Programs—Content Mapping
 - Increased Geriatric Preparation of all incumbent Registered Nurse s
 - Closer Relationship with Geriatric Education Centers

Recommendations

- Nurses must participate and influence ANY MAJOR health care discussions about long term care resulting in increased access and cost efficiency
 - Incorporate evidenced-based models of care delivery in health care delivery
 - MOST APPROPRIATE PROVIDER FOR THE RIGHT NEED
 - Rebalancing the Long Term Care Budget
 - Clearly articulated Registered Nurse Role in every aspect of LTC
 - Reimbursement Systems embracing FULL USE of Registered Nurses
 - Lead systems of Chronic Care Management

Recommendations

- Increased uses of technology
 - Increase In Home Surveillance
 - Increase use of Technology in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living
 - Increase use of Electronic Health Records
 - Increase use of Technology in Schools of Nursing