

LET OUR *family* embrace yours

PENNOCK HOME CARE

PENNOCK HOSPICE

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Healing & Preventing Recurrence of Pressure Ulcers



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Fast Responses to Referrals – both nursing and therapy

Specialty Programs

Include:
Cardiac Care
V.A.C. Cert. Wound Care
Joint & Hip Rehab
Neurologic Rehab
Telehealth Monitoring
Home Infusion Nursing
Psychiatric Nursing
Pediatric Home Health

Fast, Easy Referrals

Hospice Services

24-Hour Care
On-Call Care
Skilled Nursing
Dyspnea Care
Pain Management
Nutrition Support
Personal Care
Spiritual Support
Respite Care Up to 5 Days
Bereavement Support
Volunteer Services

The One Nurse / One Therapist Advantage

Service Area

Barry County
S. Kent County
S. Ionia County
W. Eaton County
E. Allegan County

*HomeCare Elite
2009 & 2010*

The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey found that community dwelling seniors account for 20% of all pressure ulcers – more than 600,000 cases per year. A 2006 publication by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality found that treating pressure ulcers in the hospital takes 13 days and costs \$37,800 on average. Treating pressure ulcers using Pennock Homecare would typically cost Medicare 8% of that amount with reduced or no cost-sharing to the patient. By utilizing Pennock Homecare, physicians and families can effectively manage these situations at home. In fact, many physicians prefer at least a portion of the intervention to be in the home setting where pressure sores first developed, because a direct assessment of the home environment would be most likely to prevent recurrences.



Most patients presenting with even a stage 1 pressure sore will qualify for home health services. A stage 1 pressure sore is a reddened area on a pressure point that does not blanch when pressed. When community-dwelling patients develop pressure sores, guidelines created by the American Medical Directors Association call for a long and comprehensive educational program for patients and families. Refer to Pennock Homecare for patient and caregiver education about management and prevention of pressure ulcers.

Our Caregiver Education Includes These Topics:

- An individualized plan of care
- Skin assessment
- Transfer techniques, repositioning techniques
- Skin care
- Nutrition & hydration
- Risk assessment and understanding danger areas
- Proper positioning (sitting, lying, reclining)
- Scheduling repositions
- Personal hygiene
- Evaluation and management of incontinence
- Use of pressure-relieving devices

V.A.C. Certified Wound Care: In addition to extensive patient and caregiver education, Pennock Homecare nurses can provide effective and safe wound care. **All nurses at Pennock Homecare are V.A.C. certified** for safety and effectiveness with negative pressure wound therapy. Pennock Homecare will also coordinate the acquisition of new equipment such as pressure-relieving devices and lifts.

Physical Therapy Evaluation: The AHCPR's practice guidelines regarding pressure ulcers state: "If potential for improving mobility and activity exists, rehabilitation efforts should be instituted . . ." With the physician's authorization, a Pennock Homecare physical therapist will promptly evaluate your patient in the home to determine his or her rehab potential. Our physical therapists will recommend a customized home exercise program designed to provide long-term mobility improvements.



A Good Choice for Wound Care

At Pennock Homecare, 100% of our nurses are V.A.C. certified. In Medicare's Home Health Compare, Pennock beats state & national averages in every measure pertaining to wound care. For instance, compared to other agencies in Michigan, your patients with Pennock prove 13% more likely to achieve wound healing or improvement after an operation. When your patients are performing wound care at home, remember Pennock Homecare.

Please offer Pennock Homecare to your patients.