

Care News

Going beyond what others provide.

June 2017

Proud to have earned ACHC accreditation for our Home Health Agency.

National CNA Day is June 15th

Where would we be without the important work of our CNAs? Sometimes their job is tough and thankless, but we appreciate our CNAs and they are the backbone of 24-Hour Care!

Thank you to all of our CNAs for the wonderful job you do!



A father is someone who carries pictures in his wallet where his money used to be. Unknown





June Birthdays

Gretchen—4th

Melissa-11tth

Jerry S.—22nd

Bree- 22nd

Chad S.—26th

Judy—28th

Marilyn H. –

Ali—27th

Suzanne H. –19th

Tina S—21st

Happy Birthday to All!!





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Needles and Other Sharps

Here are some tips for safely disposing of needles and other sharp devices that are used outside of health care settings. Patients and caregivers should keep these tips in mind when at home, at work, and while traveling.

What are Sharps?

Dad

Tie

Father

Baseball

Protect

Football

Play

Build

Family

Love

Parent

Proud

Responsible

'Sharps' is a medical term for devices with sharp points or edges that can puncture or cut skin. Examples are needles, syringes, lancets, auto injectors, and infusion sets.

Importance of Safe Sharps Disposal

Used needles and other sharps are dangerous to people and pets if not disposed of safely because they can injure people and spread infections that cause serious health conditions. Safe sharps disposal is important whether you are at home, at work, at school, traveling, or in other public places such as hotels, parks, and restaurants.

Never place loose needles and other sharps (those that are not placed in a sharps disposal container) in the household or public trash cans or recycling bins, and never flush them down the toilet. This puts trash and sewage workers, janitors, housekeepers, household members, and children at risk of being harmed. Pet owners who use needles to give medicine to their pets should follow the same sharps disposal guidelines used for humans.

Sharps and sharps containers may be dropped off at the Galena Ambulance Garage for proper disposal.

Medication Disposal

Safely dispose of unwanted medications. By disposing of your old and unwanted medications properly you can make your home safer, prevent possible theft and help protect local waters. Flushing most prescriptions down the toilet or throwing them away is not always a safe method of disposal.

Unused medications and may be taken to:

<u>Galena</u>—Police Department, Hartigs or Midwest Medical Center for proper disposal.

<u>Dubuque</u>— Hartigs, Walgreens, HyVee, Mercy and Finley.

Be kinder than necessary, because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.



Just For Fun

How smart is your right foot? Just try this. 1) While sitting, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles. 2) Now, while doing this, draw the number 6 in the air with your right hand (starting at the top of the number 6 and going down). Your foot will change direction! You can keep trying over and over again to see if you can outsmart your foot, but you can't. But try it with your left hand and you should have no problem.