Happy Thanksgiving!

At this time of Thanksgiving, our thoughts turn gratefully to you and those you serve in the community.

We truly appreciate your continued dedication, commitment to excellence, and all of your support throughout the year.

Wishing you a safe and happy Thanksgiving,

The Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home Staff & Board of Directors

Statewide Pediatric Palliative Care Education Program Draws Great Interest

Last week, more than 100 nurses gathered at Central CT State University to learn how to better care for our fragile, seriously ill pediatric patients in Connecticut.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) Palliative Care Advisory Council along with CT Children's Sunflower Kids and the CT Association for Healthcare at Home sponsored its first statewide Pediatric Palliative Care Education Program with
a goal to close the existing gap to access to care for this fragile population.

Attendees heard from experts on a variety of topics including Child Development, Pain and Symptom Management, and effective Communication Skills.

Closing the day was a panel of bereaved parents who have experienced the loss of a child. Overall, the day was filled with energy, emotion, education and motivation to fill the gap of this much needed level of care.

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**Patient Self-Management SBAR Training Focused on Communications Skills**

The Association held a full day interactive workshop including personalized hands-on guidance for improving patient outcomes through improved communication skills. The focus was on the promotion of patient self-management implementing OARS and motivational interviewing techniques and improving professional communication through the use of SBAR.

Thank you to Qualidigm for your collaboration on this important program.

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**2018 CT Home Care and Hospice Salary Survey Data Available for Purchase**

The CT Association for Healthcare at Home, in partnership with the CT Business & Industry Association (CBIA), has released the results of the 2018 CT Home Care & Hospice Compensation & Benefits Survey.

This is the only statewide benchmarking tool specific to hiring home health, home care and hospice agency employees. The report is available to purchase now for $175.

Member agencies that participated in the survey by providing their data pay a reduced rate of only $85. Participating agencies, please contact Courtney Verissimo at 203-774-4943 or verissimo@cthealthcareathome.org to receive your promo code to receive the reduced pricing.

To purchase the data, visit the Association’s online store [here](#)!

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**New Member Spotlight - Emerest Health of CT**
The Association welcomes Emerest of Connecticut with offices in Waterbury and Bridgeport, a nonclinical home care agency serving New Haven and Fairfield counties. Emerest was established by New York-based parent company Royal Care and has locations in CT, NJ and MO.

Isaac Schwartz, RN BSN, Administrator, says, "One of the most enjoyable parts of my role is giving people the opportunity to get paid to improve someone's life. This focus and vision instills caregiver pride and the feeling of appreciation for the work they are privileged to do. Ultimately, it enables personal growth, empowering our caregivers to be their best and give their best to the people under their care."

In addition to Emerest’s employee of the month and year recognition incentives, Emerest designed a complimentary concierge-styled room fully stocked with snacks and drinks dedicated to its caregivers. Last month Emerest celebrated Halloween with a day-long event with all of its caregivers and their families. Here, the staff can be seen pictured in full costume!

Don't forget to register for our upcoming educational training session!

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