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Care Decision CT Promotes Hospice and Palliative Options

The Annual Florence Wald Hospice Conference, held May 5 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Wallingford, focused on educating hospice agency employees, volunteers, clinicians and clergy to use three new tools to engage patients and family members in "the conversation" to ensure that the patient's true desires are at the center of all care delivery.

Tracy Wodatch, V.P. Clinical & Regulatory Services and various presenters led the crowd through the Common Practice game www.commonpractice.com/hello, the Go Wish Game www.codaalliance.org and the tools available by the Conversation Project.

Ledyard VNA Celebrates 70 Years

Ledyard's Regional Visiting Nurse Association, which among other services has been taking blood pressure and providing physical therapy in the homes of seniors and providing the nurses in Ledyard's five schools, celebrated 70 years of helping town residents on April 29.

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Orange VNA Celebrates 80 Years
The Orange Visiting Nurse Association commemorated 80 years of service to the Town of Orange, CT at a proclamation ceremony on May 11 with Judy Benson, CEO and first selectman, James M. Zeoli.

Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Celebrates 30 Years with Breakfast Event

Sister Suzanne and the employees of Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care, and Franciscan Ever There Care hosted their annual Breakfast Gathering of industry and community leaders to celebrate their 30th Anniversary of service.

Forum of State Associations Sends Letters to Congress to Support NAHC Legislative Priorities

Deborah Hoyt, Association President and CEO, has been working with NAHC and her state home health association executive colleagues nationwide to push our united advocacy position regarding the need to remove the burden of face-to-face physician documentation,
Read the 5 letters sent to House and Senate Members here:
1. Home Health Care Reform
2. S.445 Support Letter
3. HR 1825 Support Letter
4. Home Health Regulatory Reform
5. Congressional Letter to HHS Re F2F-Physician Certification

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**Study Casts Doubt on Proposal to Charge Seniors Home Health Copays to Reduce Frequency of Use**

In hopes of reducing Medicare spending, some policymakers have proposed charging seniors a copay for home-based care, with the idea that senior citizens will use it less if it isn't free. A new study in JAMA Internal Medicine, however, casts doubt on that premise.

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**End of Life Planning Legislation is a Personal for Lawmakers**

A Capitol Hill briefing to announce the Patient Choice and Quality Care Act of 2017 featured several members of Congress talking, in very personal terms, about their personal experiences with advanced illness and end of life care.

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