

HOME HEALTH CARE AND HOSPICE NURSES ARE A WORK OF HEART

BY: Melissa Jeremiah, RN, CHCE

Director of Operations Hoosier Uplands Home Health and Hospice

In Home Health Care & Hospice our Nurses are the eyes and ears for the Doctor. The Doctor relies on what Nurses tell him in order to treat the patients that we care for in their homes.

Some examples of what a nurse assesses while in a home are:

The breath sounds of a patient with COPD.

The bowel sounds of a patient who has a new colostomy.

The heart of a patient with CHF.

Symptoms such as shortness of breath and pain.

The effectiveness of medications and ordered treatments.

Placement of feeding tubes.

A wound for signs and symptoms of infection.

A patients mental status.

A patients compliance with their medications.

A patients compliance with their diet.

Need for additional services, such as therapy or personal care assistance.

By performing assessments, we are able to work with the Doctor towards one of our shared goals, which is to control the patient's symptoms so repeat hospitalizations are not required.

If you have further questions about Home Health Care or Hospice; or if you have someone you would like to refer to Home Health Care or Hospice services please feel free to contact Hoosier Uplands Home Health Care & Hospice at 800-827-2219 or 812-849-4447.