



Connections

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The mission of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian's Health and Medical Division is to assist tribal members in achieving and maintaining their desired quality of life, by providing an exceptional, community focused health system and to serve as good stewards of tribal resources entrusted to us.



Which is more valuable, a dime or a \$20.00 gold piece both buried and corroding at the bottom of the ocean?

“Moments of Excellence”

Attention, Attention, may we have your attention please.

We have been without RPMS this week as many other people at the hospital. I had called the IT department at the hospital on Monday, and told them. So today Scott from the department came down. He went out of his way to help us and explain what was going on. We very much appreciate his help.

Debbie Gibby
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Cherokee County Clinic

One Feather Articles due for the month of May
Elementary School Nurse
Health Check
Health Occupations

Happy Birthday!

Contract Health	Angela	Odiear	5/1/1964
Wellness	Shonica	Welch	5/2/1982
Diabetes	Beverly	Griffin	5/4/1954
RecComSpt	Virginia	Johnson-Shell	5/5/1952
RecComSpt	Vickie	Standingdeer	5/6/1960
Wellness	Troy	Crowe	5/9/1969
HD RSC	Teresa	Reed	5/11/1967
RecComSpt	Keahana	Lambert	5/11/1975
Wellness	Kristie	Hornbuckle	5/17/1976
MAO	Trina	Owle	5/19/1962
HD ADM	Summer	Crowe	5/21/1979
HD PHN	Robin	Wolfe	5/23/1969
MAO	Joel	Blanton	5/27/1960
Cher Pharm	Amy	Smoker	5/27/1983
HD RSC	Gordon	Ferguson	5/28/1934
Dental	Mary	Johnson	5/29/1958
TPB	Carol	Jackson	5/31/1965



Which is more valuable?

They both have the same value as long as they are on the bottom of the ocean. It is only when you lift those coins up and use them as they were intended to be used they become valuable. How many of us have coins deep within us that need to be used?

Your value becomes real and marketable when you learn to reach within yourself and utilize the enormous potential that is there.

HMD NEWS

ADMINISTRATION BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

CHEROKEE CHOICES

Cherokee Choices after School has been very busy making a short film about the "Uktena" legend to premier at our annual Art Explosion. The film portrays an early Cherokee village and their exposure to the giant snake. All of our students have participated in the film in one way or another. We started filming on March 24th and our last day of filming will be April 7th. Our film set is located on the Oconaluftee Island Park.

CHEROKEE COUNTY CLINIC CHEROKEE PHARMACY CHILDREN'S DENTAL

- Participated in Week of the Young Child Parade with Child Care Centers



- Provided sunscreen education to parents and children that took part in the EBCI Safe Kids Coalition activities held at the Ginger Lynn Welch Wellness Center and Splash into Safety Day at the Island Park.
- Dental Lessons for K-3rd grade at Cherokee Elementary ended this week. The children enjoyed receiving their certificates for learning about dental health and will continue their good oral hygiene habits throughout the summer. Each child also received a new toothbrush and other items to help keep their teeth healthy.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

(CSC, MCC, Health Check, CHN, CHR)

- MCC consultant made a site visit on Monday April 26, 2004. It is always a pleasure to have a site visit with the Babylove Consultant. She provided some new literature that is available and discussed possible upcoming program changes.
- On Friday, April 30, Vivian and Cathey met with Frances Hess and her Health Occupations class at Cherokee High School. They discussed the role of Community Health nursing, and the differences between CHN, CHRs, and Home Health. The class was interested in future careers in nursing, and were encouraged to apply for either the summer intern openings in Community Health, or the current In-Home Aide vacancies with Home Health. Applications were left with Ms. Hess. It was great to see young people from this community interested in meeting the health care needs of our population. We hope members of the class will take us up on our offer to have them accompany our staff on home visits, so they can see up close how rewarding it is to work in our programs. Thanks to Ms. Hess and her class for allowing us to come visit!
- Happy Nurses Week to Vivian Solis, Cathey Harrison, Andrea Crisp, Rege McCauley, Kristie Fuller, Eugenia Kent, and Jennifer Wachacha. The cards, pins, and lunch are to thank you for all you do to help our programs.
- The CHR staff has begun the task of entering PCC data into RPMS. As the data is entered into the system, other providers who have access to RPMS will be able to use information collected through CHR services and Community Health Nursing assessments. Adding to the medical record in this way will improve communication with CIHA medical providers, and enhance services to our patients.
- The next class for “Caring for Tsa La Gi Caregivers” will be held at Tsali Manor on Thursday evening from 5:30 – 6:30. The topic of this class will be “Caring for a person on bed rest,” and will include a video and informal discussion to answer any questions. There is no charge for these classes, and light refreshments will be served. If you know of someone who is caring for an elder in our community, please call Cathey Harrison or Janelle Littlejohn at 497-6385.

DIABETES HEALTHY CHEROKEE and INJURY PREVENTION

- Last week was National SAFE KIDS week. The EBCI SAFE KIDS coalition hosted many water safety events for our youth. Every night Monday-Friday we had nightly pool parties for different age groups at the Ginger Lynn Welch Wellness Center. And on Saturday we had “SPLASH INTO SAFETY DAY” on the Island. We had great participation all week and everyone had a good time. Look for pictures of all the good times next week☺
- Kudos to Gail Guilford and Cindy Guilford for their assistance with SAFE KIDS Splash Into Safety Week. They were there every evening and all day Saturday educating and assisting the staff of Healthy Cherokee/Injury Prevention would like to recognize them for their hard work KUDOS!
- Kudos to Sherry & Michelle for surviving the past two weeks!
- Sherry planned a wonderful week for Prom Promise 4/26 - 5/1 for CHS students attending the Junior/Senior Prom. Michelle planned a fun filled week of water safety 5/3 - 8 for children of all ages. They both done an excellent job and should be very proud of their accomplishments.

Tricycle Rodeo

As part of National Bike Safety Month on Thursday, May 6, 2004 Healthy Cherokee/Injury Prevention hosted a Tricycle Rodeo for the children of the Dora Reed Children's Center. They received a mini class on the basics of riding a tricycle safely and put those skills to use on 3 tricycle courses. The children also received a Scruff's Bicycle Safety Activity Book compliments of the Cherokee Youth Center and a sucker. The program would like to thank Amanda Bradley and the staff and children of the Dora Reed Children's Center for making the event a success.



HOME HEALTH

- Welcome Neil Avery, RN who recently joined our program as the Quality Improvement Supervisor. Your Home Health experience will be a great asset in assuring compliance with both Tribal policies and Medicare regulations. We are so glad to have you!
- Happy Nurses Week to Debbie Sprouse, Neil Avery, Trudy Spratling, Virginia Watson, Tywon Allen, and Vickie Blythe. Hope you enjoyed the pins, cards, and lunch. Thank you for working together to provide such great nursing services to Cherokee Home Health patients.
- Cathey and Neil attended two days' training in Raleigh at the Association for Home Health and Hospice of North Carolina, May 3 and 4. Topics included strategic planning, financial performance improvement, using OBQI reports for marketing, trends in home health, and

OASIS data sets. Neil brought back a really good tool to help the nurses identify potential inconsistencies in documentation using the OASIS assessment form. Definitely time well spent. They will be sharing what they learned with the rest of the nursing staff during the next nurses meeting on Tuesday.

MEDICAL ACCOUNTING

MEDICAL COMPLIANCE

If your program has not scheduled a time for the HIPAA/Compliance Training please contact me. I would like all employees to be trained as soon as possible. Each manager should have received an electronic copy of the HMD Compliance Plan please make sure your employees read the plan and sign the attestation. Each manager should sign the employee attestation and the manager attestation.

QUALLA YOUTH HEALTH CENTER

(ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NURSE, HEALTH OCCUPATIONS, HIGH SCHOOL NURSE)

RECOVERY SERVICES CENTER

(RECOVERY COMMUNITY SUPPORT)

AYeGa has the Drop-In center readily available for community members who are interested in learning about addiction, recovery, life skills and family support. The Drop-In Center has a computer with internet access for those who need to do research, job hunts, résumé's, papers, etc... Stop on by for a peek...

SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE

THIRD PARTY BILLING

TRIBAL CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

URGENT CARE

WELLNESS CENTER

WIC

WOMEN'S WELLNESS

WOUND CARE

Sis Cabe and Mary Beth Dorgan attended the 17th Annual Symposium on Advanced Wound Care. New and exciting products were exhibited. This advanced conference, validated that we are already performing top of the line wound care and using appropriate treatment modalities. Keep up the good work ladies!

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL NEWS



Dr. Wildcatt and the first patient seen by the Green Team!

National Nurses Recognition Week

May 6, 2004

"The Heart of Healthcare"

By

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Today begins a week to honor and thank the nurses of the nation for the work that they do in caring for us and our families.

Of the 2.2 million actively employed Registered Nurses in the U.S., over 5000 Registered Nurses, Advanced Practice Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Nursing Assistants provide care in our IHS, Tribal, and Urban health programs. At bedsides, in exam rooms, at offices, in nursing homes and schools, and in communities, nurses give to those who are in need, those who are in pain, and those who are nearing the end of their lives. Every day nurses save lives, heal the sick and injured, comfort families during times of loss, as well as work to prevent illness and protect the health of those who are in their care. Around the clock, throughout the year, nurses exemplify dedication and commitment.

The theme of this year's recognition week is: "Nurses: Your Voice. Your Health. Your Life." Nurses in many places and positions are advocating for healthcare for every individual, exploring ways to improve the health and wellbeing of the people they serve and with whom they work, and helping promote health and treat disease.

The National Nurses Week 2004 begins on May 6th and concludes May 12th, the birthday of Florence Nightingale.

During this week, National Student Nurses Day is May 8th, and the National School Nurse Day is May 12th. Throughout the week I encourage the Indian Health Service to recognize and honor the nurses who serve our people. They are a critical component of our health team and make it possible for us to meet our goal of raising the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native people to the highest level.

We in Indian health are fortunate to have some of the best and brightest nurses who have touched our lives, the lives of our families, and the life of our communities with safe and compassionate care; sometimes under difficult conditions. To our 5,000 nurses - we thank you for your work, your dedication, and your excellence. You have comforted many with your kind hands and caring hearts.



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