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Unlocking Professional Development Resources AT METHODIST HOSPITALS

Methodist Hospitals is dedicated to fostering an environment of continuous learning and professional growth for our nursing staff. We recognize that staying updated with the latest clinical skills, patient education, and continuing education is crucial for providing the highest quality care to our patients.

To support this commitment, we offer resources through Elsevier and HealthStream that you may not be fully aware of. Here's a closer look at what these platforms offer and how you can take advantage of them.

Elsevier: Enhancing Clinical Skills and Patient Education

Elsevier, accessible via the Health Science Library under electronic resources, is a comprehensive tool designed to support your clinical practice and patient education needs.

The Skills Section is invaluable for nurses looking to refine their clinical abilities. You can search for specific skills and access detailed information including quick fact sheets, expanded texts, supplies lists, videos, and illustrations.

The Patient Education feature offers comprehensive and understandable educational materials you can share with patients covering more than 5,000 conditions and treatment options, and 3,000 medications. While Epic is our primary patient education source, Elsevier serves as a valuable secondary resource.

Elsevier also offers free continuing education opportunities. Certified nurses can earn continuing education credits required for their certifications online, and upon completing the necessary modules and tests, they can print portfolio certificates.

Beyond skills and education, Elsevier provides access to a wealth of clinical resources through the Clinical Key for Nursing. This includes access to nursing and medical journals, evidence-based nursing monographs, clinical calculators, and more.

HealthStream: Your Portal to Continuing Education

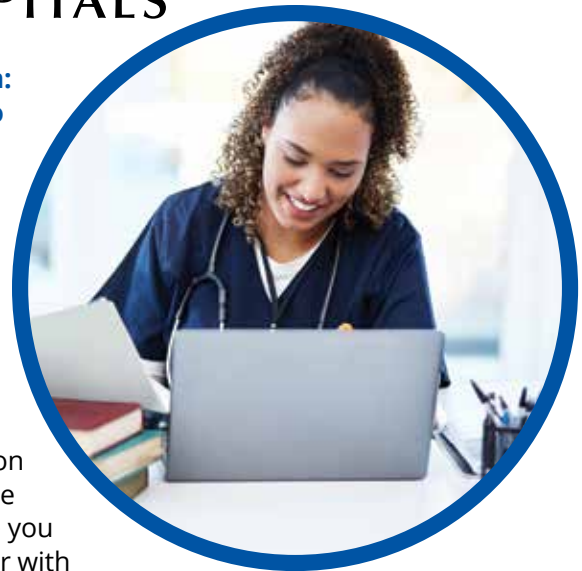
HealthStream is our Learning Management System (LMS) used for hospital-based education and compliance tracking. While you may be familiar with HealthStream for completing annual competencies and hospital-assigned courses, it also offers a plethora of free continuing education resources.

One of the most valuable features in HealthStream is the CE Unlimited section. Here, you can search for continuing education activities on various topics. These activities provide CE credits upon completion, which are then recorded in your HealthStream transcript.

For those preparing for specialty certification exams, HealthStream may offer review courses to help you succeed. Although locating these courses can be a bit challenging, they provide an excellent opportunity for structured learning and preparation at no cost.

Both Elsevier and HealthStream can be accessed through the hospital's network. This flexibility ensures you can continue your professional development at your convenience.

For any questions or further assistance on how to navigate these platforms, please reach out to the Education Department. Happy learning!



Farewell to 2 Retiring Nurses

In July, we said goodbye to two retiring members of the Methodist Hospitals nursing team:

Rhonda Babic

Rhonda's passion for patient care combined with her willingness to go the extra mile made her an invaluable member of the Methodist Hospitals family for 39 years. Since she came to Methodist in 1985, Rhonda has championed the important role nurses play in performance improvement and the delivery of healthcare services.

Wanda Jordan

Wanda has been a dedicated member of the Northlake ICU team for 32 years. For 12 of those years, she led that staff as the ICU and Neuro ICU manager. Wanda is now looking forward to a new chapter in her life during which she hopes to do more traveling and spend more time with her family.

Please join us in congratulating Rhonda and Wanda on their well-earned retirements and thank them for their decades of service to Methodist Hospitals and the patients we serve.

Nursing Certifications Roundup

Please join us in congratulating these Methodist Hospitals nurses for the new certifications:

- **John Coates, RN, CPAN**
John recently earned his certification as a Post-Anesthesia Nurse.
- **Anastacia "Ana" Oldenberg, RN, VA-BC**
Ana just earned her Vascular Access-Board Certified credentials.
- **Kenneth Stavitzke, RN, OCN**
Kenneth recently earned his Oncology Nurse Certification.

Let's all salute John, Ana and Kenneth for all their hard work in earning their certifications.

Welcome Violetta Miller



We are pleased to welcome Violetta Miller, RN, to the Methodist Hospitals nursing team. Violette is our new manager of 5W2, the Neuro Intermediate Care Unit on the Southlake campus.

KEEPING OUR NURSES CONNECTED



Our recent survey of Methodist Hospitals nurses revealed that many of you would like to receive Nursing Department Communications via text or to your personal email address.

So, we created a secure, online way for interested nurses to provide that information.

EMAIL OR TEXT? YOU CHOOSE

Just scan this QR Code to fill out our simple sign-up form online.

Rest assured that your privacy and security are our top priorities, and your information will only be used for official departmental communications and will not be shared with anyone.

