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**WHA Annual Meeting & Convention
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WHA Nurse For The Day Program

The Wyoming Hospital Association Nurse/EMT program allows you to spend a day at the Capitol (Jonah Bank Building) for face-to-face interaction with lawmakers, as well as providing basic medical services.

You have the opportunity to not only observe the legislative process first hand, but to be an active participant. WHA can provide opportunities to meet directly with your local legislators.

The Wyoming Hospital Association Nurse of the Day program provides basic volunteer medical services, consultations and referrals on a limited, as-needed basis for legislators, staff and lobbyists -- and occasionally visitors -- in the Jonah Building during the legislative session.

Services at Medical Aid Station are provided as a courtesy by the Wyoming Hospital Association and the Wyoming Medical Society, and operate on a totally volunteer basis. WHA & WMS administer the program and coordinate the placement of volunteer doctors and nurses.

For many years WHA & WMS donated the equipment, supplies and medications for the Medical Aid Station, but now the Legislative Service Office will help cover those costs.

The Nurse of the Day is generally asked to report to the Jonah Building before the morning session convenes, is free to leave the building for lunch, and usually ends the day around mid-afternoon.

When in the Jonah Building, the nurse is given a cell phone and the Medical Aid Station is also equipped with a direct phone line. These numbers are distributed to all areas of the building, along with instructions to dial 911 in case of an emergency.

If the Nurse of the Day is not available, people can leave a message in the Medical Aid Station and someone will get in touch with them upon his/her return.

Services provided by the Nurse of the Day program are very limited and given only on a voluntary basis. Therefore, the Medical Aid Station does not qualify -- nor should it be considered -- as the "first responder" option in medical emergency situations. Always dial 911 in case of an emergency.

Health care services in the Medical Aid Station are provided primarily as a convenience for people who experience non-emergency health care concerns during the Legislature, especially people who are away from home.

The Nurse of the Day can provide basic health care services such as blood pressure checks or treatment of colds, flu, headaches, minor injuries etc. Referrals will be made for more complex or chronic health care problems.

The Medical Aid Station is equipped with basic emergency supplies, such as a portable AED (automatic external defibrillator), but all volunteers are instructed to dial 911 in the case of an emergency situation.

The Medical Aid Station is stocked with over-the-counter medications for colds, coughs, stomach ailments and pain relief, as well as bandages for minor cuts and scrapes.

We have had a great response from volunteers so far this year. We still have a few dates available and would encourage anyone interested to call the WHA office at 307-632-9344 or e-mail rose@wyohospitals.com

The following dates are still available for volunteers:
February 19, 20, 22

March 5, 6, 7

We encourage our members to support this program and allow your nurses and EMTs to come be a part of the action.

WHA Calendar

WHA Trustee Education Session	5/17
HortySpringer Conference West Park Hospital, Cody	5/3-5/4

PAC CONTRIBUTORS 2018

**Irene Richardson
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**Annual Goal—
\$8500**

CRMC Launches 'Meds At The Beds' Program

Don't forget to send us a story about your hospital so we can feature you in our Member Spotlight

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center piloted a "Meds At The Beds" program on one of its inpatient units last summer and has since expanded the program to include all of the hospital's inpatient units.

The program allows patients to receive prescribed medications from the onsite retail pharmacy prior to their discharge home from the hospital.

"Evidence-based research shows that availability of medications at discharge increases patients' adherence to medication therapy," said Greg O'Barr, Ph.D., CRMC's Administrator of Population Health and Strategic Planning. "Lower hospital readmission rates, improved clinical outcomes and patient satisfaction are also tied to ease of access to prescribed medications."

The program has been very well-received by physicians and patients. "Many patients have mentioned how happy they are not to have to make a trip to the pharmacy or to have to wait for their medications," O'Barr said. "Physicians have also told us that the new program has helped streamline the discharge process."



New Coalition to Address Responsible Gambling

The Wyoming Lottery Corporation, the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) and a team of key stakeholders have organized a coalition to promote safe gambling in Wyoming.

The Wyoming Responsible Gambling Coalition (WRGC) exists to foster smart gambling in Wyoming through statewide collaboration and creativity. The coalition is actively pursuing projects that encourage responsible

gaming and help limit the addictive behaviors commonly associated with gambling to break the dependency cycle.

The WRGC campaign is aimed at increasing awareness in Wyoming about responsible gambling. "We want to help ensure everyone who gambles understands the risks and how to maintain a healthy balance. We want to educate about having fun and playing smart," said Robin Reining, Wyoming Lottery Corp chief operating officer.

The WRGC will continue to

Healthcare providers interested in becoming certified in treating individuals with gambling disorder can contact the coalition and complete the certification. The fees are covered by the WRGC.

Per Wyoming Statute the Wyoming Lottery Corporation provides up to \$200,000 a year to problem gambling in consultation with the Wyoming Department of Health.



FDA Extends Shelf Life of Certain IV Solutions

Hospitals may use certain intravenous solutions made by Baxter Healthcare Corp. beyond the labeled expiration date.

This is due to the ongoing shortage of IV solutions used in critical care, the Food and Drug Administration announced.

Health care professionals should squeeze the bags

before use and not use them if leaks are found, the agency said.

The products should continue to be stored as labeled, and should be replaced and properly disposed of as soon as possible if replacement product becomes available during the extension period, FDA said.

