



2015-2016 ELDER HEALTH INITIATIVES

SUMMARY

We continue to establish and support network wide initiatives in Elder health.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Senior Surgical Program at St. Luke's Bethlehem showed successful outcomes such as reduced Length of Stay, readmissions, and falls
- Increase in Acute Care for the Elderly (ACE) consults at Bethlehem by 75% from FY 15
- Senior Care Associates hired 3 new providers: PA, MD, NP which resulted in an increase in ACE consults and services at the Post-Acute skilled nursing facilities
- Valet parking hours at Bethlehem increased to meet the needs of the older adult
- Clinical Pathways implemented at 9 preferred Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Diabetes protocols implemented at 3 preferred Skilled Nursing Facilities
- United Way fall prevention grant-2nd year of 3 year cycle, patients identified by Senior Surgical program as a fall risk and home evaluation provided, result: 40% reduction in falls
- Steady increases in patients seen at the Center for Positive Aging- 20% increase from FY 15
- Geriatric Fellowship program- full compliment of 2 fellows; one hired in Senior Care in July 16
- Caregiver support at Warren
- NJ Alzheimer's Adult Day Services grant awarded for the Comfort Zone in Warren
- Polypharmacy pilot with 4 SLPG practices
- Quarterly preferred collaborative facilities meetings
- TOC document from SNF to community collaboration with preferred facilities
- St. Luke's Wound Care services introduced at Old Orchard and Kirkland Village- contracts being finalized for FY17

CHALLENGES & NEXT STEPS

Initiatives we plan on expanding and further developing for FY 17 include:

- Caregiver support at the Center for Positive Aging in Bethlehem
- Healthy Aging lecture series
- Caregiver needs survey for community and physicians in Warren County
- House calls service in Warren county
- Regional Gerontology conference
- NICHE network retreat
- Delirium pilot at SLB



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