Policy: Nursing Home Visits

All second and third-year family medicine residents will be assigned to round at one nursing home. The nursing homes involved are Senior Life Center, Trinity Health Center and Parkridge Nursing & Rehabilitation Center which are all within a 15 minute drive of our clinic. Each family medicine resident will be assigned a panel of patients. The resident will visit each of his/her patients once monthly. According to Medicare requirements, a staff physician will need to supervise each nursing home visit. Dr. Danielson or Dr. Ganske will make rounds with the family medicine residents monthly. Before or after the rounds are made, the faculty and the resident physician will discuss problems encountered or concerns brought to attention. To ensure continuity of care, each family medicine resident is expected to follow his/her nursing home patients in the hospital when they are hospitalized and is expected to answer telephone calls and fax communications from the nursing home. If the family medicine resident is unavailable, that resident shall arrange for another resident physician who attends patients in that same nursing home to cover for him/her.

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