

## **IOWA LUTHERAN HOSPITAL FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM**

### **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, Luther Park Health Center and Parkridge Nursing & Rehabilitation Center which are all within 15 minutes 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, 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 staff and the resident physicians will conference and talk about problems encountered or concerns brought to attention. To ensure continuity of care, each family medicine resident is expected to follow his/her nursing home resident patients in the hospital when they are hospitalized and are 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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