

An Introduction to Community and Parish Nurses in the Upper Valley:

Community and Parish Nurses are employed by Upper Valley towns or churches to enhance the efforts of the community to care for our neighbors. Nurses work alongside families, volunteers and members of the health care and social service teams to support clients throughout the life span, especially those who wish to remain a vibrant part of their community as they age. This innovative nursing program adds a critical element to the continuum of care in our region.

The nurse is part of a team:

Making referrals to and taking referrals from: primary care providers, hospitals, home care agencies, neighbors, clergy, family and friends.

Clients receive care and consultation via:

- home visits
- phone calls/emails
- community education
- facilitation of Telehealth visits with providers
- joint visits to health care providers
- hospital, nursing home and assisted living facility visits

Community and Parish Nurses do not replace home care agency services (VNAs). The nurses work as part of a team to follow the client before, during and after discharge from skilled "home care" services.

There is no charge for services.

What does a Community or Parish Nurse do?

The nurse creates a plan to address client and caregiver needs that includes family support, health education and counseling. The care plan might also include:

- care management and care coordination with health care, social service and community providers
- fall risk assessment and intervention
- medication reconciliation
- preparation of advanced directives
- symptom management
- family support

The nurse addresses the needs of the community through education, clinics, support group facilitation and volunteer training.

Who is a Community or Parish Nurse?

An experienced, licensed professional with a depth of nursing knowledge, clinical skills and expertise, hired by a community or parish to address the health care needs of families and community members.

In appreciation:

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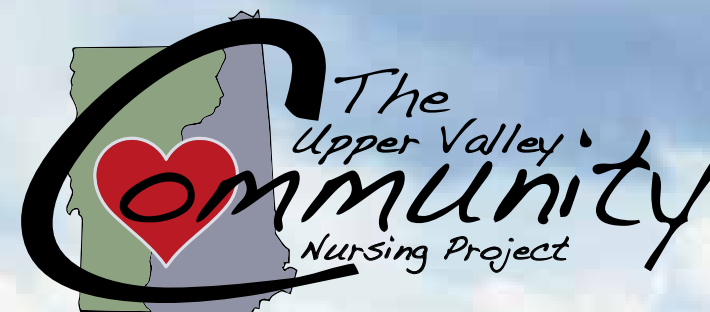
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• **What is a Community or Parish Nurse and what do they do?**

• **How can you locate a Community or Parish Nurse?**

For more information;
Upper Valley Community Nursing Project:

www.uvcnp.org
email: info@uvcnp.org

Community & Parish Nurse Locations in New Hampshire & Vermont

HARTLAND, VT

Aging in Hartland

Email: welcome@aginginhartland.org
Phone: 802-674-4118

NORWICH, VT

Norwich Community Nurse

Email: norwichnursevt@gmail.com
Phone: 802-281-2722

READING & WEST WINDSOR, VT

Reading-West Windsor Aging in Place, Inc.

Email: aginginplace@googlegroups.com
Phone: 802-359-3935

SHARON, VT

Community Health Care Coordinator

Email: sharonhealthinitiative@gmail.com
Phone 802-230-8458

THETFORD, VT

Email:

communitynursethetford@gmail.com
Phone: 802-738-9066

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My Community Nurse, Inc.

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mcnp.weston@gmail.com

Phone: 802-772-5607 and

802-824-9596

HANOVER, NH

The Church of Christ at Dartmouth

Email: rita.severinghaus@ccdcucc.org
Phone: 603-643-3150, ext.112

Town of Hanover Community Nurse

Email: doris.yates@hanovernh.org
Phone: 603-727-2832

LEBANON, NH

Lebanon Interdisciplinary

Geriatric Homecare Team (Light)

Email: Light@gcsc.org

Phone: 603-448-1558

LYME, NH

Email: lymeparishnurse@gmail.com

Phone: 603-795-2850 (congregational church)

Phone: 603-795-0603 (Community Care of Lyme)



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