

All Stat Home Health Bringing Families Together

More and more families are unexpectedly experiencing the world of Home Health Care.

As the Baby-Boomers age, an increasing number of family members and friends are requiring private nursing assistance, whether they need aid in recuperating following a surgical procedure, support while recovering within a nursing facility, or long term help at home.

Predominantly, that assistance involves personal care from a Home Health Aide or Certified Nursing Assistant to help with bathing, dressing, walking, meal preparation, running errands and attending to a list of personal, health and nutritional needs.

Adding to the challenges of a situation requiring private nursing assistance is the fact that most local residents do not have family in the area. Their families may be out of town, out of state or even out of the country.

"About 7 million Americans provide or manage care for a relative or friend over age 55 who lives at least an hour away," according to the Family Caregiver Alliance, a California-based advocacy group.

In his article, "Moving Creates Boon in Long Distance Care," Michael Hill, Associated Press Worker, explains: "Taking care of an ailing patient can be burdensome, whether the patient lives around the corner or across the country. But distance adds to the challenge. Frequent visits can be difficult, arranging for care via phone and email can be hard, and feelings of guilt or helplessness can be sharper."

One local company, All Stat Home



family members, doctors, guardians, trust officers and other key individuals. It also provides Hurricane Evacuation information (obviously valuable for Florida residents), information on the patient's diagnosis and what specific care is being provided, including both skilled and unskilled services.

All Stat's system also helps families and attorneys stay in touch, notes local attorney Neil Scott. "It provides valuable information related to their care."

The system also provides ongoing updates from a Registered Nurse on changes in the patient's treatment, so that the family can be kept up to date on important issues.

In addition, the website provides a complete calendar of scheduled shifts for the client, including the names of each caregiver and their experience with All Stat. The system even provides a photograph of every employee to enhance the family's familiarity with the caregiver!

Finally, the Schedule Access system provides a location for the family themselves to add their own comments so that family members can share information with each other. This allows the family to communicate with each other on matters outside of the care itself.

All Stat has developed this system to allow family members from out of state to stay up to date on the condition of their loved ones, providing peace of mind and enhanced communication.

For information on how All Stat Home Health's Schedule Access system can help you and your family, call All Stat's Administrator, Carmen R. Scornia at 941-923-0880.

In addition, All Stat provides families with exceptional communication through a proprietary internet system called Schedule Access. The company provides every family they serve with a unique username and password for internet-based access to materials related to the patient's nursing care and makes that information available to family members anywhere in the world. A son in Michigan or a daughter in New Jersey can sign on to the All Stat website (www.allstathomehealth.com) 24 hours a day and review information related to their mother or father's care.

"All Stat's internet system helps us follow the progress of care, even though we live out of state," says Carolyn Samuelson, a family member of an All Stat Home Health client.

The service is free to all clients and provides a listing of important contact information and phone numbers for

Health, has developed a unique approach to help family members stay in touch with the care and needs of their loved ones through a proprietary web-based information system.

All Stat Home Health is a locally owned Home Health Agency that provides in-home nursing assistance to clients along the Central West coast of Florida. They assist clients in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, Desoto, Hardee and Hillsborough counties. All Stat's personnel provide a range of in-home assistance from skilled nursing care to bathing, dressing and personal assistance to various home tasks that are difficult for many elders to perform.

One of the many things which make them unique is the fact that they do not use an answering service. Their staff of "real, live human beings" answers the phone 24 hours a day to address client and family needs.