



HD Nursing

The Science Behind Falls Management

Benton, AR, February 2016 -- Dr. Patricia Quigley has been named Advisor and Chairperson of the HD Nursing Clinical Advisory Committee.

The committee will review, evaluate and advise the Company's Board of Directors and Management on new research and further development of HD Nursing's falls and falls injury prevention programs.

Dr. Quigley specializes in rehabilitation and is nationally known for her extensive clinical practice, research and policy influence on patient safety, fall and fall-related injury prevention, and research translation across settings of care. She has developed and consulted on several national falls prevention toolkits, including but not limited to the VA, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, and ARHQ.



Patricia Quigley, PhD, MPH, ARNP, FAAN, FAANP

A Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Scientist, Dr. Quigley extends her expertise to advancement of innovative practice, technology advances and systems improvement within and across populations and settings of care. HD Nursing, LLC, is such an organization, dedicated to creating, implementing and evaluating information technology and clinical management of fall and injury risk factors at individual, unit and organizational levels. With a vision to improve health, function and independence of individuals, families and populations, HD Nursing, LLC, is reshaping healthcare organizations ability to manage and evaluate structures, processes and outcomes of interdisciplinary care.

"This is an ideal partnership," said Dr. Amy Hester, co-founder of HD Nursing and Director of Nursing Research and Innovation for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Medical Center (UAMS) in Little Rock, AR.

"Our research has shown the keys to preventing falls and injuries is to accurately assess if, and why, someone is at risk for a falling, then provide an individualized care plan that changes as their condition changes," said Hester. "Dr. Quigley's research and toolkits have also proven this approach is critical to fall injury prevention and will become even more important as the US population ages."

An evidence based falls management program; the HD Falls Program[®] not only helps prevent falls and related injuries, but also saves organizations staff time and dollars, often eliminating costly patient sitters.

About HD Nursing

HD Nursing is a Falls Management Solution Company dedicated to improving falls and injury management across the continuum of care.

The HD Falls Program provides the only individualized, evidence based and validated falls management solution meeting best practice approaches across all healthcare settings.

Developed by Dr. Amy Hester, the program includes the Hester-Davis Scale[®] (HDS[®]), a highly effective, validated assessment tool designed to easily identify patients most likely to fall, and document reasons for the fall risk. The HDS[®] links to the HD Care Plan[®] to provide targeted, individualized interventions that can be implemented in hospitals and at home. The HD Falls Program[®] is the only validated program that meets the full list of action items referenced in the Joint Commission Sentinel Event Alert #55 on Preventing Falls and Falls Related Injuries.

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