



Providence Milwaukie Foundation

New vital sign monitors in the medical/surgery unit have made it easier for Debbie Love, CNA1, to take vital sign measurements.

Vital sign monitors

Last year, caregivers in the medical/surgery unit at Providence Milwaukie Hospital took vital sign measurements over 36,600 times.

Unfortunately, it often took several minutes to locate the portable units and move them into a patient's room. This was not ideal for patients or caregivers.

Now, thanks to your generosity, each of the 34 rooms on the unit has a wall-mounted vital sign monitor. The machines make it faster and easier for caregivers to take a patient's vital signs, something they must do up to nine times in the first 24 hours after surgery. And because the monitors are not being used for multiple patients, the time spent cleaning the mobile cart between uses is eliminated, and the risk of spreading disease is reduced.

"By mounting the vital sign machines in each of the patient rooms, it not only improves infection prevention for patients by having dedicated equipment, but also improves the caregiver workflow," said nurse manager Craig Norton, RN, MSN.

Debbie Love, CNA1, is grateful for the monitors. "We are no longer hunting down the carts, only to find they've been left unplugged and the batteries are low. The carts were so old, the batteries died quickly," she said.

Not only have the monitors made a world of difference for the CNAs, but patients like them too. Patients can see their vital sign numbers and can share that information with family members.

"I am truly thankful to the foundation and donors for this equipment," said Debbie. "It's made a difference for all the CNAs."

And that time spent looking for a vital sign machine? It is now time that caregivers are available to care for patients.

2021 Highlights

New audiometer

Russ Hansen, supervisor, Rehabilitation Services, worried that the audiometer would stop working in the middle of a hearing test. It could take up to eight weeks for it to be fixed and, due to the age of the device, there were no guarantees it could be repaired. The budget at Providence Milwaukie did not include funds for a new audiometer but, thanks to your generosity, the foundation was able to grant funds to purchase the new equipment. "Many of our Medicaid patients travel a significant distance to see us," said Russ. "We believe serving these patients helps fulfill our Mission of caring for our vulnerable patients."



Family Medicine Residency Endowment

Thanks to your generous gifts, we reached our goal of \$3 million for the Family Medicine Residency Program at Providence Milwaukie Hospital. Fundraising for the endowment was led by a group of individuals who are passionate about the program. The program, which trains residents in patient-centered care of diverse populations and the underserved, attracts many of the brightest medical students from across the country. Now, because of you, we can continue to provide enhanced training and inspire our residents to become future leaders in health care.

2021 total dollars raised by fund

