Primary Nursing at UW Hospital and Clinics

What is Primary Nursing?

Here at UW Hospital and Clinics and American Family Children’s Hospital, we use Primary Nursing. One nurse will be your Primary Nurse. He or she will get to know you and work with you to make up a care plan.

What happens when my Primary Nurse is not here?

When the Primary Nurse is off, another nurse, known as your Associate Nurse, will take care of you. This nurse works with your Primary Nurse to make sure that your daily plan and plan for your hospital stay is carried out. The Associate Nurse will also let the Primary Nurse, and the entire team, know important things that happen during your stay. This way we make sure that you are getting the best care. If both your Primary Nurse and your Associate Nurse are off, other nurses will follow your care plan. They will make needed changes and will let the Primary Nurse know how things go for you when she or he is gone.

How will Primary Nursing affect the care I receive?

Primary Nursing helps you and the nurses get to know each other better. It supports personalized and family centered care. Let your nurses know what is important to you. This will help them to take better care of you.

This model of nursing will provide you with continued care. The Primary Nurse, the Associate Nurse, and the small team of nurses will become familiar to you. They can help you with your health care needs.

My Primary Nurse is ___________________________ Unit/Clinic ________ Phone______

My Associate Nurse is ___________________________ Unit/Clinic ________ Phone______

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