

NICHE Recommitment Policy Statement: 2008-2010

NICHE (Nurses Improving Care to Health Systems Elders) seeks to assure quality care for older adults in hospitals, home care and institutional long-term care settings.

NICHE is a program of the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at New York University College of Nursing.

Health care organizations that participate in **NICHE** demonstrate a commitment to providing quality health care to older adults. The following characteristics are **integral to NICHE**:

- A designated individual or group to lead NICHE initiatives
- Resources to sustain NICHE initiatives, including support for staff attendance at the NICHE conference(s)
- A designated program of clinical and/or educational activities on behalf of care of older adults
- Orientation of patients, families, staff, physicians, and board members about NICHE
- Ongoing evaluation of NICHE-related outcomes

In establishing a designated program of activities on behalf of care of older adults, **NICHE** sites are actively engaged in **providing** one or more of the following program components:

- Geriatric Institutional Assessment Profile (GIAP) survey
- Ongoing staff education specific to geriatrics
- Geriatric Resource Nurse (GRN) Model
- Acute Care of the Elderly (ACE) Unit
- Syndrome Specific Model of Care
- Geriatric Nursing Protocols for Best Practice
- Geriatric certification for professional nurses
- Geriatric nursing practice competencies
- Other programs designed to meet the needs of older adults
- Comprehensive Discharge Planning /Quality Cost Model of Transitional Care
- The Hospital Elder Life Program

Benefits of registration include:

- National recognition as a NICHE site, committed to providing quality care to older adults, including posting of your hospital on the NICHE web site
- Access to a national network of NICHE providers through a list-serv.
- Access to members-only resources