

# Long Term Care

Conrad, MT

## About Logan Health Care Center – Conrad:

- **How many beds:** We are a 59 bed unit, 16 private rooms in a Special Care Unit, 19 private rooms on Hall 1, and 9 double rooms, 3 private rooms on Hall 3.
- **Patient demographics:** Our residents are primarily convalescent/ long term care stay residents. The majority of our residents come from the surrounding community and have wonderful relationships with employees and the community throughout. We can take Med A skilled residents and can admit hospice and respite as well. Our residents are typically stable, many have ailments of heart disease and complications, dementia, thyroid disorders, and diabetes. The majority of our residents need assistance with ADL's.
- **Schedules and call requirements:** Long term care is scheduled by the DoN, four weeks at a time. PRN schedule first, followed by other FTE's. Staff are required to work every other weekend or some equivalent of this, which looks like 3-4 weekend shifts in a 4-week period. Vacations requests can be made, but there is a deadline. There is not call requirements, however, if staffing allows, a person could be asked to be 'on call' for their regularly scheduled shift, there is a small wage for on call. Staff can also use there earned time benefit (vacation time) to cover the shift.



## Common treatments and skill sets/procedures:

Some of the common diagnoses you might see in the Care Center are COPD, CHF, CAD, DM, dementia, failure to thrive, falls with or without injury, and UTIs.

Patients on our unit can be scheduled for different tests and procedures including: foley catheter replacement, S/P cath replacement, CT, lab draws, UA collection. We transport patients to and from appointments in Conrad, Great Falls and Choteau.

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## **Qualities of a care center nurse:**

Nurses in long term care have great critical thinking, and are flexible and willing to adjust in the moment. These nurses should be open to managing all sorts of cares: medical, physical, emotional and spiritual. The long term care nurse is fast on their feet, hardworking and enjoys learning all aspects of nursing. They must be a team player and ready to assist CNAs and other disciplines with all aspects of care for our residents.

## **A day in the life of our unit:**

Conrad Care Center is a fast paced environment with many meds and treatments to complete every day. The Care Center is beginning a process to transition to eMAR, and that is a lot of preparation, time and training in addition to the day-to-day operations. Nurses collaborate with CNA's, IP, physicians, therapy services daily, to ensure our residents receive the best, here in the Care Center where they live.