

Health and Wholeness: The Role of the Parish Nurse

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Objectives

- Describe the Practice of Parish Nursing
- Describe The East Alabama Medical Center (EAMC) Parish Nurse Program
- Discuss EAMC Parish Nurse Activities Within the Community-at-Large

- Nursing ---
 - With Intentional Care of the Spirit

Health

- “The general condition of the body or mind with reference to soundness and vigor”
- “Freedom from disease or ailment”

Who is a Parish Nurse?

- The Parish Nurse is a registered nurse who promotes holistic health of the congregation and in so doing reclaims the healing ministry of the faith community

What Does a Parish Nurse Do?

- **The Parish Nurse serves as a bridge between health and faith and functions in a variety of roles**

Functions of a Parish Nurse

- **Integrator of Faith and Health**
- **Health Educator**
- **Coordinator of Volunteers**
- **Facilitator of Support Groups**
- **Referral Agent**
- **Health Advocate**
- **Personal Health Counselor**

Our Mission

- **The Mission of the EAMC Parish Nurse Program is to form partnerships with local communities of faith in order to establish and support a parish nurse ministry that serves as a bridge between faith and health**

The Role of the Parish Nurse in Blood Pressure Management

- **Congregational Blood Pressure Screenings**
- **Individual Monitoring, Health Education, and Medication Review**
- **Referrals as Needed**

Activities at Darden

- **Health Screenings**
- **Medication Reviews, Health Education and Nutritional Counseling**
- **Transitional Care and Referrals**

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul

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