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Congratulations to the CHAMPions of the Year!

In honor of National Homecare and Hospice Month, we'd like to recognize Judith Sojak at the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston (VNAB) and Julie Rooney from Central Montana Medical Center Home Care Services as CHAMPions of the year! Both winners will receive complimentary tuition to one of CHAMP's online educational courses!

Judith Sojak has been a Patient Service Manager for nearly twenty years at VNAB. Over the years, she has worked in various departments and has left great improvements in patient care. According to her colleague Paula Griffin, Judith has also empowered staff to practice at a high level of excellence. "It is inspiring to be in the office late into the evening and hear Judith taking calls from all over the city, reassuring patients, solving problems, giving advice, and just being there for our frail elders."

Julie Rooney is a frontline nurse manager and a Quality Improvement Coordinator. She develops documentation tools and education sessions for home care staff. She also spearheads a system wide Pain Team to improve the level of pain management expertise to accurately identify and manage pain. Her colleague, Beth Putnam, describes Julie as a go to person for end of life and pain management issues within the organization.



Registration is Now Open for CHAMP's January Courses!

The next offerings of CHAMP's [Geriatric Medication Management Course](#) and [Geriatric Pain Management Course](#) for frontline nurse managers start January 25, 2010! The web-based courses are:

- Easy to access via the internet- no costly travel
- Self-paced – you can start and stop at your convenience
- A blend of clinical information with practical tools and strategies
- Affordable - \$149/participant*

*HCA member agencies in New York State receive a \$40 discount for the Geriatric Medication Management course. See web site for details.

Upcoming Programs

Medication Management Course

January 25, 2010

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Pain Management Course

January 25, 2010

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The CHAMP Blog Corner

This week, Dennee Frey, CHAMP's Medication Management & Safety expert, discusses adherence screening and assessment tools. To read her blog post [click here!](#) For more Medication Management adherence tools, visit the [tools page!](#)

Visiting Nurse Service of New York Home Care is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the New York State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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