

## Regent Park the first CO facility to use AccuNurse

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“The newest technology to assist in providing quality care for your loved one,” is more than just a slogan. As the first facility in Colorado to use AccuNurse, Regent Park Nursing and Rehab really does have the latest technology and is already seeing improved quality of care for their patients with its use.

AccuNurse is a system of voice-assisted care in which staff communicate with one another and with a computer base via personal headsets. The program offers a number of functions, including paging staff and providing schedule reminders, as well as letting staff access patient information and update charts from anywhere in the facility.

Julie Kotch, director of nursing, discussed the process of implementing the new system and the changes their facility has experienced with its use. Regent Park is still in its first month of using AccuNurse, but already the benefits are evident.

Before AccuNurse could be used, a great amount of data was entered into the system. For each patient, there is a unique care plan that includes things such as baths, doctor’s appointments, diet and medication information, to name a few. In the past, such details were recorded and updated on paper.

After the system was programmed with the facility’s information, all staff using the headsets received training from the corporate office. During the first week, those who excelled in the new processes, Kotch shared, were a great asset as they helped their coworkers with the tougher concepts.

What is great about AccuNurse, Kotch said, is that it’s very user friendly. New technology can sometimes be intimidating, but they have found this system is easy, even across generations.

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