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(formerly known as North Central Indiana
Continuity of Care/NCICC)

WELCOME to IndianaCareCircle(ICC)

ICC would like to welcome your membership to the **IndianaCareCircle (ICC)**, formerly North Central Indiana Continuity of Care. We are looking forward to meeting you as well as for you to benefit from ICC. ICC believes that “Every patient should have access to an educational and supportive network of professionals in their journey through the health care system.” Following are ICC’s Missions & Goals:

ICC exists to provide resources and educational programs to enhance the continuum of care. It provides a medium for sharing professional challenges, resources and feasible solutions in the health care environments.

ICC serves to heighten competence and expertise in the delivery of continuity of care by providing professional assistance and informative programs.

ICC Philosophy: Every patient should have access to an educational and supportive network of professionals in their journey through the health care system.

Continuity of Care Definition: Fletcher et al (1984) distinguish between coordination as “the degree to which various components of care bear a useful relation to each other”, and continuity as “the existence of some thread--- individual, practitioner, group, or medical record---that bind together episodes of care” (page 409) and notes that they are not easily separable and often used to define one another.

The AAFP (American Academy of Family Physicians) defines “continuity of care” as the process by which the patient and the physician are cooperatively involved in ongoing health care management toward the goal of high quality, cost-effective medical care. (1983) (2003)

ICC GOALS

- Provide an organized structure that will enable ICC members to work together on problems of mutual interest
- Conduct educational programs
- Serve as a resource to related groups
- Further channels of communication between ICC and affiliate groups
- Promote the purpose of, and membership in ICC

ICC MISSION

- Promote interdisciplinary collaboration throughout the health care system
- Provide a mechanism for sharing mutual problems and feasible solutions among professionals working with patients
- Promote the improvement of inter-hospital and intra-agency communication regarding continuity of care
- Promote advocacy for the patient in all settings along the health care continuum
- Enhance professional competence and expertise in the delivery of continuity of care
- Provide continuing educational opportunities and resources for ICC members
- Educate patients about the need to be proactive participants in their own continuity of healthcare