

Encompass National Patient Safety Week

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featured potential day-to-day safety concerns which staff members corrected in order to crack a code to enable them to get out of the room with increased safety awareness. Additionally, the hospital's registered dietician and speech therapists teamed up to help staff properly identify which foods fall under which texture guidelines, helping decrease the risk of patients experiencing any kind of aspiration. **Encompass Henderson's Falls Committee**, which aims to decrease falls and injury in the hospital, led a hands-on in-service on all of the safety features of the hospital beds. In-services were also provided to staff by the infection control nurse on personal protective equipment, and the **STOP Committee**, which is responsible for training proper form and procedures for transfers, helped staff recall techniques to decrease risk of injury to patients and staff through playing an interactive game.

Of course no Patient Safety Week would be complete without activities for the wonderful patients! Throughout the

week, patients voted for their favorite department-decorated rocket. Patients participated in a space-themed painting class with instructions from one Encompass Henderson's very talented occupational therapists. Patients learned about the variety of ways **EHH** ensures patient, staff, and visitor safety through playing **BINGO** and a matching game, where each square/card represented a different safety measure practiced at EHH. Applause and laughter could be heard throughout the hallways when **Buzz Lightyear** stopped in for a bit to participate in a flash mob performed by staff to "Space Jam," and the **Encompass Henderson Glee Club** brought cheer to the whole hospital with songs like, "I Just Called (to use the bathroom)" and "They Tried to Make Me go to Rehab- Yes, I'll Go, Go, Go!" Lastly, patients voted for their favorite poster representing safety drawn by the students at a local elementary school. The student with the winning poster will receive a bike helmet from Encompass Henderson, and the **EHH Brain**



Rocket Decorating- Each department decorated a rocket representing their department's influence on each patient's journey home

Injury Committee will educate students on how to prevent brain injury at a school assembly. Encompass Henderson knows that safety must extend beyond the walls of the hospital to enable their patients the best possible transition home. Encompass Henderson partnered with the **Henderson Pet Resort** to provide education to patients who have pets on how to navigate their furry friends when walkers and/or wheelchairs are involved. The first Encompass Henderson Safety Fair was held at Heritage Park Senior Center to cap off the week, where physical therapy students from **UNLV and Touro University** provided older adults with fall screenings and personalized exercise plans to help decrease fall

risks. The Henderson Pet Resort provided senior with resources on caring for pets if a fall/injury does take place, and the importance of understanding that pets can be a tripping hazard. The **Henderson Police Department** shared information on how to avoid internet scams, identity theft, and burglary. Marketers from EHH shared all of the resources Encompass provides to patients from inpatient rehab to home health services.

As the importance of being health conscious becomes even more necessary, Encompass Health Henderson utilized National Patient Safety Week as an opportunity to blast off into new levels of increase safety and health practices for their staff, patients, and community.



Escape Room: CNAs find clues to help them escape from the Alien-themed escape room



Glee Club: Glee Club members bring some light-hearted lyrics to Safety Week