

Orchard Hill provides health screening kiosk for residents

Orchard Hill Assisted Living at Sudbury is providing its residents an opportunity to participate in a new health-screening program through a partnership with Parmenter Community Health Care. Orchard Hill is the only assisted living in Massachusetts to make this state of the art tele-monitoring system available to its residents.

As the age and acuity level of residents in assisted living increases, assisted livings be willing to make changes by monitoring the health needs of their residents.

For residents participating in the tele-monitoring program, the kiosk will easily measure blood pressure, weight, heart rate, oxygen saturation level, and temperature. The health screening information will immediately be given to the resident and electronically sent to Parmenter Community Health and the resident's physician.

Combining the resources of Parmenter Community Health Care, and tele-health

technology, residents of Orchard Hill Assisted Living will be able to benefit from regular monitoring of health indicators that are often the first sign of an emerging problem. Early identification of subtle changes often can be addressed and can help avoid unnecessary hospitalizations. Additionally, residents assume a more proactive approach to their own wellbeing.

"Our goal in this partnership," says Orchard Hill Executive Director, Elizabeth Weisner "is to help maintain the good health of residents and minimize unnecessary hospitalizations. Health monitoring technology enables residents' health information to be shared securely and timely with their healthcare providers who can then respond appropriately. Orchard Hill is very excited to be a leader in this new technology."

Orchard Hill and Parmenter Community Health Care expect that the new tele-health kiosk to be arriving at Orchard Hill in April.