

HomMed[®] TeleHealth means staying at a home...yours.



Geraldine Stankiewicz didn't want to leave her home for a nursing facility. Recently discharged from the hospital after suffering from congestive heart failure, her status was touch and go. Along with her heart problems she also suffered from uncontrolled hypertension. The rapid changes in her blood pressure often made her suddenly dizzy, and at risk of a disabling fall.

Her family and doctor were very concerned that her condition wasn't consistent enough to warrant living alone at home safely. The family tried to help, but it was exhausting. They worried constantly when she was alone. Geraldine, however, steadfastly refused the idea of a nursing home. Then physician Dr. Matthew Rosenberg had an idea, an idea that would satisfy Geraldine's desire for independence in her home while alleviating her family's concerns for her: HomMed[®] TeleHealth, from Great Lakes Caring.

HomMed[®] TeleHealth is a remote health monitoring system which allows patients and their caregivers clinically accurate daily updates on all important health data. Using computer technology, HomMed[®] TeleHealth patients can receive virtual check-ups as often as four times per day, seven days a week.

Geraldine's HomMed[®] TeleHealth monitor has become a focal point in her life.

“It takes worry off of me, it calms my family's fears and the doctor says it's helped my health. What else could I ask for?”

Just then, the monitor activates to remind her it's time to check-in. First thing's first, though. There's a Shih-Tzu puppy that needs just a touch more attention before it's time to monitor.

"I'm getting there; hold on just a minute," Geraldine laughed, "she gets me up every morning."

"This is what kept me home," she continued. "My family was concerned and rightfully so. But the monitor tells them how I'm doing. Sometimes my blood pressure is too high, and they call right away. Usually it goes down in an hour or so, but this way I know for sure."

Knowing for sure is one of the reasons Dr. Rosenberg first considered HomMed® TeleHealth.

"Mrs. Stankiewicz's condition was such that she really needed more consistent care than we thought would be available at her home. But HomMed® TeleHealth proved to be a fitting solution. The daily monitoring generates accurate information which we use to track her condition and proactively make appropriate changes."

"I get consistent data I trust, which allows me to treat my patients more effectively, and my patient gets to stay at home, where she's happy. It's a situation that has turned out well."

Lena Faling, Mrs. Stankiewicz's nurse, has noticed the positive difference HomMed® TeleHealth has made in her patient's life.

"It's great she's been able to have the health monitoring. She's getting strong enough now that we're going to re-evaluate its necessity, but I don't think she wants it to go."

"No, she's right, I don't," Geraldine piped in cheerfully, "I like having it around. Makes me feel safe."



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