

What Is Visiting Nurse Service?

Professional home healthcare includes a wide range of skilled medical and support services in the home, usually under a doctor's orders. If individuals with illness / disabilities prefer to live at home or the community that they are used to, nurses and medical experts are able to visit their home and take care of them to enhance their quality of life. This translates to people-centered service to support an independent life.

Contents of Visiting Nurse

- Assessment of medical condition (stability, vital signs, preventive intervention)
- Physical support (bathing or shampooing depending on the condition, excretion assistance with self-care, nutritional advice)
- Medicine management (support adherence, assessment of drug action and its side effects)
- Medical equipment management (respirator, oxygen concentrator, infusion pump)
- Specialized care (infusion therapy, use of feeding tubes, insulin injection)
- Wound care for bed sores or chronic wound (prevention and infection control)
- Behavioral and mental health counseling (support caregivers who have concerns regarding cognitive impairment and behavioral health needs)
- Supportive care for terminally ill individuals and his/her family (palliative interventions such as pain management, consultation)
- Rehabilitation therapy (bedridden or contracture prevention, functional recovery, swallowing function training)

Occupations That Can Provide Support at Home from Visiting Nurse Stations

Registered nurse, Assistant nurse, Public health nurse, Midwife, Physical therapist, Occupational therapist, Speech-language-hearing therapist

Who Can Avail of Visiting Nurse Service?

The visiting nurse service is for people of all ages. Inquiries can be made to a doctor, a care manager, or your local visiting nurse station to know how to receive the best care tailored to your needs from nurses and other healthcare experts.

Fees of Visiting Nurse Care

Visiting nurse care can be covered by the medical health insurance or long-term care insurance. The amount to be paid varies depending on the content, time, and self-pay ratio. At the time of making a contract, the person-in-charge at the visiting nurse station will provide an explanation regarding the fees.