LONG TERM CARE:
CONSIDERATIONS FOR TODAY & TOMORROW

1. THE VA MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM – A MODEL APPROACH

   a. Utilizing individual members expertise
      M.D.
      Nursing
      Nutritional Services
      Pharmacy

2. INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE – RECOMMENDATIONS

   a. Proposed legislation “Patient Safety Improvement Act”

3. ADVERSE EVENTS – A LOOK AT THE RECENT LITERATURE

   a. Medication-related problems:
      Overuse
      Under use
      Errors
   b. Nutrition:
      Hydration
      Failure to thrive

4. QUALITY OF CARE -- A PLAN IS NECESSARY!

   a. Identification of a problem – non-punitive
   b. Plan of action for change
   c. Integration of the plan utilizing a team approach
   d. Evaluation ...........

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OBJECTIVES

AT THE END OF THIS PRESENTATION THE PARTICIPANTS WILL:

1. Become familiar with the interdisciplinary team at the West Palm Beach VA Extended Care Service.

2. Understand the possible implications of the “Patient Safety Improvement Act” recently approved by The House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health.

3. Be able to explain what an A.D.E. (Adverse Drug Event) is and the possible legal implications of these events.

4. Identify the step by step process, which is an ongoing necessity in long term facilities, for identification of patient related problems and/or errors.

5. Be able to implement a quality assurance program, even with limited staffing, to improve quality for the long term care patient.