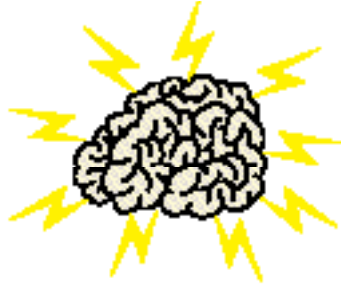


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STAY COMPETENT AND USEFUL

BENEFITS OF FURTHER EDUCATION IN THE HEALTHCARE FIELD

Over the ages, vast jumps have been made in methods, technologies, and tools used to ensure quality in the healthcare industry. Even with all these advancements, the most important tool is the oldest tool – the human mind. The mind allows us to make decisions and gives us the ability to give care the best way we know how. The mind is a powerful tool, yet the sharpest of tools will rust with disuse. Even the greatest of minds can grow dull from lack of stimulation.



With many lives depending on healthcare professionals, we cannot afford to allow our minds to grow dull. The only way to stay sharp is to continue to learn. Just as iron sharpens iron, education sharpens the mind. In addition, education also allows you to do a better job. By continuing your education, you become more useful to the facility in which you work and, in turn, to the patients for which you are giving care.

Things change constantly in this world, especially in the healthcare field. Improved procedures are continuously being discovered. For example, it wasn't long ago that recapping needles was a common practice. This procedure is no longer acceptable. With these constant changes, healthcare professionals must remain current on what is new in the healthcare world in order to stay competent and useful.

Education is empowering and it is through education that we can better ourselves. By continuing our education, we continue to make ourselves useful. We must never stop learning. The day we stop learning is the day we stop being competent providers, useful to patients that depend on us for care and possibly for their life.

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P E N N S Y L V A N I A

"HURRAY FOR HOSA"

Cardinal Dougherty High School participated in their local Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk on Saturday, October 10, 2004.

1st Row (Left to Right): Matt Heiser, Tessi Ruiz, April Gueco, Erica Gueco, Rita Alejo, Angel Tenant, Miane Morte, Francisco Garcia
2nd Row (Left to Right): Christie Giacomelli, Gina Lang, Theresa Alog, Rachel Gueco, Idalia Adan, Princess Bautista, Gang Qui (holding Chipa)
3rd Row (Left to Right): Dr. Thomas (Team Captain), Tri Nguyen, Jeanne Ho, Sebastian Charles, Chris Adams, Bichly Nguyen
Not Included In Picture: Jen Williams, Hamid Floyd, David Ho, Gabrielle Neri, Lynee Wakefield

