

Susan Guido, R.N.

Susan Guido, a geriatrics nurse practitioner at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center Division of Geriatrics, was the clinical research nurse for the pilot of Hospital at Home and the clinical coordinator for the national demonstration. During the pilot study she organized the nursing care and support services for patients and maintained research data. She was instrumental in preparing care maps for the 4 diseases that were selected for treatment in the national demonstration: congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cellulitis, and community-acquired pneumonia. With Dr. Leff, she prepared a detailed manual describing how Hospital at Home was set up, and the challenges in coordinating the many providers necessary to bring hospital-level care to the home. For the national demonstration and evaluation, she gave extensive consultative support to the clinical coordinators at the three research sites.

Ms. Guido currently supervises the home care activities of the Hopkins PACE program, Hopkins ElderPlus, where she is able to incorporate the philosophy of Hospital at Home in caring for the 150 patients enrolled. The PACE program focuses on keeping frail, older persons who are nursing home eligible living independent in their own homes with the help of services coming to them in the home.