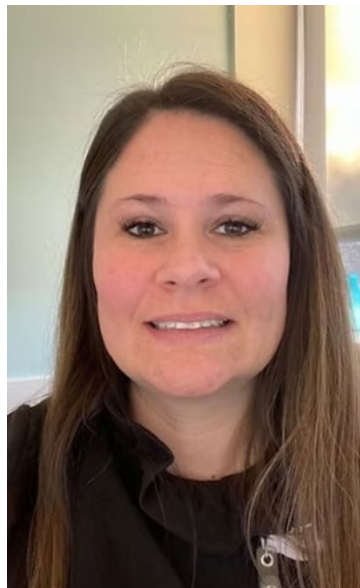




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The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly changed the role of home health care nursing. Patients are being discharged from acute-care facilities with higher acuity needs and much sooner than they have in the past. Home care nurses are now, more than ever, the frontline health care workers. With continuity in care and thorough clinical assessments, nurses are relied upon for preventing hospital readmissions and unnecessary ER visits. Education and knowledge are the key factors in preventing rehospitalizations. Therefore, education in wound care, ostomy care, and continence care are three areas that can make an enormous impact on patient care/outcomes in the home setting. If nurses have the tools they need to complete accurate, thorough assessments, communication can then be relayed to the health care provider sooner, to allow for better, quicker treatment. I feel as though getting my WOC certification will provide me with the knowledge and assurance that I can provide the best care possible for my patients in all health care settings

