

UnityPoint Health - St. Luke's Hospital (STL) in Cedar Rapids is a Regional Integrated Care Delivery System. Our system owns and operates an Acute Care Hospital, a Long-Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH) (within the hospital), an Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility, two Community-based Skilled/Intermediate Care Facilities, Home Care, Home Medical Equipment, Hospice and Inpatient and Outpatient Palliative Care. In addition, STL has a network of primary care and specialty providers. STL is aggressively seeking interventions to improve our care coordination throughout all sites of care in the continuum and prepare for the growing older population. The NICHE program assists healthcare organizations implement proven strategies to address issues related to older patients, improving patient outcomes and raises both patient and staff satisfaction levels. My project "NICHE Implementation Across the Care Continuum" is designed to implement NICHE throughout Unitypoint -St. Luke's care continuum. This will be achieved through aggressive staff education and implementation of evidence based protocols for the older patient. We live our mission statement, and it is a powerful force: ***To Give the Care We Would Like Our Loved Ones to Receive.*** NICHE is another way to differentiate our care continuum as we prepare for a growing older population