We can help by:

Educating clients about the information physicians need to make good decisions about their care.

Providing self/caregiver reporting tools based on standard of practice assessments specific to the illness or injury.

Identifying specialists that may be helpful.

Coordinating care and communication between various providers.

Gathering data related to the costs of care and the client’s inability to perform social roles.

Attending independent medical evaluations with the client.

Locating expert witnesses.

“How are you doing?” the doctor asks, distracted by the client’s chart. “How is the pain?”

The client shuffles into the room, leaning over his walker and grimacing in pain.

“How pretty good. The pain’s not that bad anymore.”

The physician documents exactly what the client says.

Had the physician asked, the client would have rated his pain at 8 on a scale of 0 to 10.

But, that’s not what the records say.

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Medical documentation is not consistently accurate or complete.

Doctors, nurses and therapists do not always ask the right questions or perform comprehensive assessments.

Clients typically do not provide important information unless asked, thinking that the “doctor already knows all that.”

Clients minimize symptoms that dramatically alter quality of life and relationships with others, as they attempt to adjust to and cope with devastating changes.

Clients in pain, acute distress and/ or with cognitive impairments need extra time to process questions and organize their thoughts - time that is frequently not available during a standard physician office exam.

Complete assessment of the impact of an illness on quality of life cannot possibly be performed in a 15 to 30 minute physician office visit.

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35 years Nursing Experience:
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Experience/ Responsibilities

- Educated staff on standards of practice, state and federal Medicare/ Medicaid regulations and JCAHO standards in home health, SNF and hospital.
- Assured staff compliance with standards of practice, state and federal Medicare/ Medicaid regulations and JCAHO standards home health, SNF and hospital.
- Evaluated, revised and implemented home health, SNF and hospital policies and procedures.
- Developed and supervised home health, SNF and hospital pressure ulcer prevention programs.
- Planned and supervised home health, SNF and hospital orientation programs for new staff.
- Monitored and evaluated the effectiveness of home health, SNF and hospital infection control programs.
- Participated in interdisciplinary home health, SNF and hospital fall prevention programs.
- Monitored home health, SNF and hospital medication administration and safety, evaluated individual and systemic factors contributing to medication errors.

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