

# Connecticut Children's Professional Practice Model

## WHY A KITE?

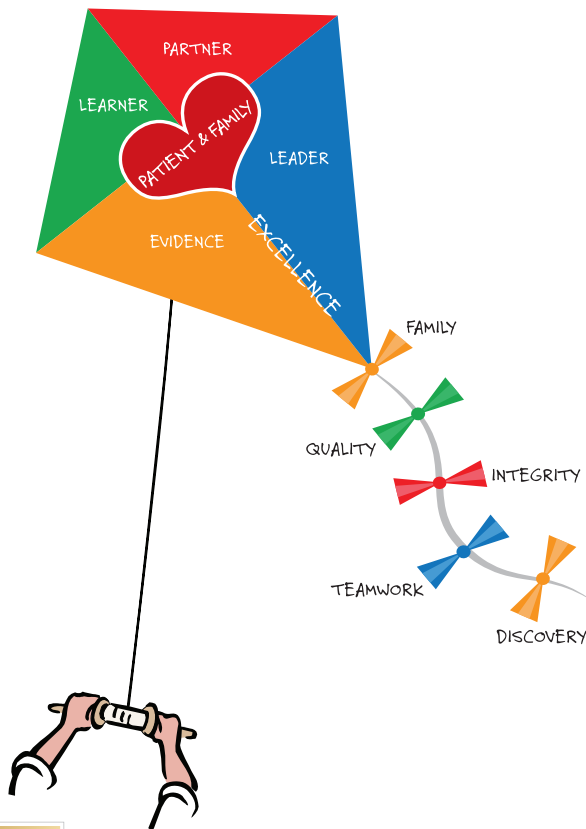
- A kite illustrates a playful essence of children.
- A kite is designed to maneuver through gusts of wind, similar to flexible but tenacious role of nursing as they deliver compassionate care in today's tumultuous health care environment.
- Kites have been instrumental in innovation and in research dating back to the evolution of electricity and flying of the first airplane.

## TAIL OF A KITE

- The tail of the kite provides stability for the kite to fly. Therefore, the tail of the kite depicts Connecticut Children's Core Values which guides us and defines what we cherish, how we work together for our patients and families and who we are.

## THE HANDS HOLDING THE KITE SPOOL

- The hands holding the kite spool represents the voice of Nursing at Connecticut Children's. Through the structure of shared governance - nurses are an integral part of the decision making as it impacts the autonomy, accountability and authority of their practice.



## THE HEART IN THE CENTER OF THE KITE

- Caring practices are the core of the discipline of nursing and are featured in the heart in the center of the kite. It reflects the core tenet of Jean Watson's Theory of Caring which anchors nursing practice at Connecticut Children's.
- The Patient and Family remain the center of nursing practice. Patient Family Centered Care serves as the foundation of our care delivery system.

## THE COVER OF THE KITE

- The cover overlays the kite and acts as a sail, allowing the kite to soar in gusts of wind. Expertise and excellence in leading, developing partnerships, evidence based practice and learning will allow us to soar in the ever changing health care environment.

## THE SPINE OF THE KITE

- The spine of the kite serves as the strength and support on which the kite is built. Clinical Excellence is the backbone of our nursing practice supporting all that we do.

- Nurses Integrate the Following to Excel:

### Leadership:

- Shared Leadership
- CNO Advocacy
- Community and Organization Leadership

### Evidence Based Practice:

- Continuous Improvement
- EBP Fellowship
- Nursing Research
- Innovation

### Life Long Learning:

- Continuing Education
- Formal Education
- Certification

### Partnerships:

- Interprofessional Teams
- Family Centered Approach
- Community Partnerships
- Academic Partnerships

### Clinical Excellence:

- Professional Advancement Program
- ANA Code of Ethics
- Safety Culture
- Nursing Peer Review
- Connecticut Children's Values
- Professional Organizations
- High Reliability



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