

NC Department of Health and Human Services  
**NC Home Care Aide Curriculum**  
 Module 15 – Common Diseases  
 July 2021

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**OBJECTIVES**

1. Identify sources of payment for home care
2. Recognize the cost savings of home care versus institutional care
3. Identify the most common diagnoses related to home care
4. Describe the diseases and/or conditions most seen in home care
5. Explain the home care aide's role in caring for patients with certain diseases or conditions

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**The Home Care Aide's Role in Providing Care for the Most Common Diseases Seen in Home Care**

- **Disclaimer:** This module gathers data from all home care organizations, which include home health care agencies, home care aide organizations, and hospices.

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### Payor Sources for Home Care

- Medicare continues to be the largest payer of home health care services.
- Medicaid covers a great deal as well, as it includes in-home services that Medicare does not cover (e.g., personal care services).
- The remaining payor sources include state/local governments, private insurance, and out-of-pocket.

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### Handout #1

#### Cost of Inpatient Care vs Home Care



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### Hypertension



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### The Home Care Aide's Role - Hypertension



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### Heart Attack/Myocardial Infarction



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### The Home Care Aide's Role – Heart Attack



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**The Home Care Aide's Role –  
Angina**



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**DIABETES**



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**The Home Care Aide's Role –  
Diabetes**



**HANDOUT #2**  
**Hyperglycemia vs Hypoglycemia**



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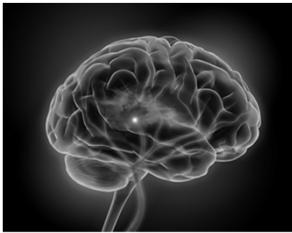
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**Cerebrovascular Accident (CVA)**



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**The Home Care Aide's Role –  
CVA**



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**Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)**



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**The Home Care Aide's Role – TBI**



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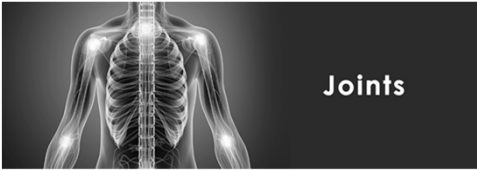
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**ARTHRITIS**



**Joints**

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**The Home Care Aide's Role – Arthritis**



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**Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)**



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**The Home Care Aide's Role – COPD**



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## Neurological Disorders



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## The Home Care Aide's Role Neurological Disorders



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## Paraplegia and Quadriplegia



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**The Home Care Aide's Role  
Paraplegia and Quadriplegia**



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**CANCER**



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**The Home Care Aide's Role – Cancer**



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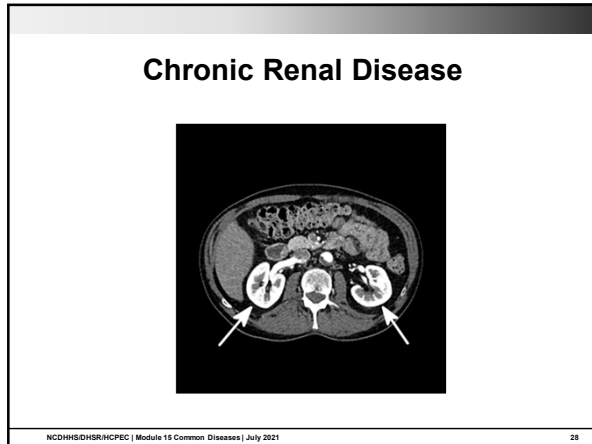
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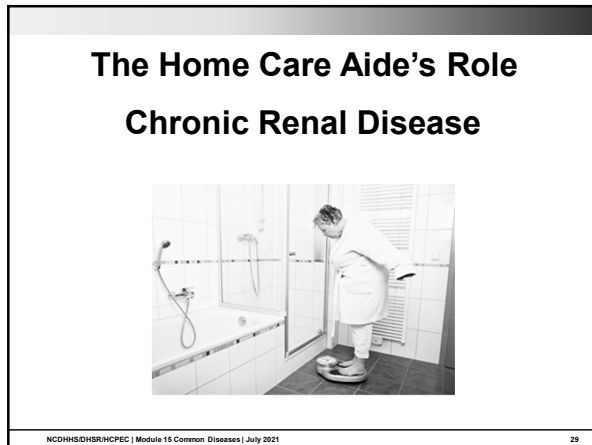
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**ACTIVITY #1**  
**JEOPARDY GAME!**

CVA	COPD	Chronic Renal Disease	Heart Attack	Diabetes	Arthritis
100 points	100 points	100 points	100 points	100 points	100 points
200 points	200 points	200 points	200 points	200 points	200 points
300 points	300 points	300 points	300 points	300 points	300 points

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**These are just some of the more common diseases or conditions a home care aide will encounter while working in home care. The home care aide may come across other diseases or conditions; however, it is beneficial to familiarize yourself with those you will encounter the most.**

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