



Learning Patient Advocacy for Hospitalization

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 - 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

The Hearing and Speech Agency

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Guest Speaker: Margaret Widner-Kolberg BSN, MHA

We are very happy to welcome Margaret Widner-Kolberg as the speaker at our May meeting. Margaret will be teaching about patient's rights in hospitals. She will discuss how people with hearing loss can prepare and advocate for themselves in medical situations. There are many creative plans that can help assure people who have a hearing loss understand conversation with the medical staff. Putting these plans in place will help create more control over the hospital experience. When implemented, these ideas will decrease the anxiety that often accompanies medical care.

Margaret Widner-Kolberg got her Bachelors in Nursing from the University of Maryland. She received a Masters in Health Care Administration from Central Michigan University. She has worked as a nurse in hospitals around the state of Maryland in Pediatric Emergency Care and Trauma for over 30 years. She has taught in University Schools of Nursing in Maryland for over 10 years. In this setting she taught not only about pediatrics but also about patient hearing issues. She has published articles on hearing loss and it's impact on medical care.

Margaret was a member of the Governors Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities. She has also been a member of HLAA national for over 30 years. During this time she has been a board member and president for HLA-GB chapter. Currently she is the Maryland State Chapter Coordinator for HLAA. Margaret also consults and speaks in programs for hospitals regarding people with hearing loss.

Margaret lost her hearing over 30 years ago. She is profoundly deaf but considers herself hard of hearing. She hears with the help of bilateral cochlear implants.

Please join us for this informative meeting and learn how people with hearing loss can advocate for themselves in medical situations.

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