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BANTAM – In order to serve the varied needs of patients throughout Litchfield County, VNA Northwest places a high priority on advanced education for its staff. “The more expertise our clinicians have, the better the experience for our patients,” said Nancy Deming, RN, BSHA, executive director of the nonprofit Medicare-certified and state-licensed agency, which was founded in 1928 in Cornwall.

Seven of VNA Northwest’s home care nurses have achieved national certification in Wound Care, through the National Alliance of Wound Care (NAWC®). “Wounds have a major impact on the patient’s quality of life and they also place an economic strain on the healthcare system,” said Ms. Deming. “VNA Northwest is taking a proactive approach in this area, so that we can meet the needs of each patient in our service area,” she said.

VNA Northwest’s Hospice Program provides comfort and support to patients and their families when a life-limiting illness no longer responds to cure-oriented treatments. Currently, eight of VNA Northwest’s home care nurses have achieved national certification in Hospice and Palliative Care, through the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN).

Two nurses have achieved certifications in both Wound Care and Hospice and Palliative Care.

In addition to skilled nursing care, VNA Northwest offers physical and occupational therapy, medical social work, home health aides, and private duty services to residents of all towns in Litchfield County. In the local communities, VNA Northwest offers blood pressure clinics, Bend and Stretch fall prevention clinics, and Live Well™ chronic disease self-management clinics.

Please call the agency at 860-567-6000 with questions about home health care for yourself or a loved one, or visit the agency’s website, www.vnanw.org, for more information on programs and services.