UC San Diego Nursing Professional Practice Model of Care

The use of the starfish represents our model of care and the five elements. A starfish communicates through its arms and coordinates movement to be successful in its environment. Like the starfish, our professional practice model uses the interaction of our five elements to achieve quality patient family-centered care.

Professional Values
Management Approach
Compensation for Professional Achievement

Patient and Family-Centered Care

Professional Relationships
Patient Care Delivery System and Outcomes


Professional Relationships: Commitment to Power of Excellence, C.A.R.I.N.G. standards, interdisciplinary collaboration

Patient Care Delivery System and Outcomes: Evidence-based care delivered by skillful caregivers to deliver optimal outcomes

Compensation for Professional Achievement: Clinical Ladder, Professional Certifications

Management Approach: Shared Governance structure