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**Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home  
Welcomes Robert Crook, M.D.  
Full-time Medical Director**

The Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home announces the addition of Robert Crook, M.D. to the staff of Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home. Crook, an internist, is the agency's first full-time medical director.

Dr. Crook is board certified in internal medicine and has extensive training in hospice and palliative care. An Ohio native, Crook earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo, Ohio. He completed a residency in internal medicine with an emphasis in international health from MetroHealth Center at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Previously, Dr. Crook served as the palliative care medical director for Blanchard Valley Hospital where as the hospital's first palliative care physician on staff he conducted extensive palliative care consultations in a variety of settings. He also served as medical director for Bridge Home Health and Hospice in Findlay, Ohio.

“We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Crook to our staff,” said Phyllis Hermann, CEO. “Dr. Crook has a terrific breadth of knowledge in palliative and hospice care and will be a tremendous asset to our interdisciplinary team. He truly has a passion for end-of-life care.”

Dr. Crook will be tending to the needs of the agency’s palliative and hospice patients in their home and will be available for home visits. He will be seeing patients in Hospice Home, Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home’s 14-bed in-patient unit.

Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home is a non-profit, community-based agency that provides hospice and palliative care to patients in their home, in area nursing facilities and in the agency’s 14-bed Hospice Home, the area’s only freestanding in-patient unit dedicated to the needs of the terminally-ill and their families. Licensed by the Indiana State Department of Health, Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home has been accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP) for nearly 20 years and is a United Way of Allen County partner agency. For additional information please call 435-3222 or visit the agency’s website at [www.vnhh.org](http://www.vnhh.org)