

Not only did Lillian Wald also grow up in Ohio, but she also had great family support that encouraged her to become a nurse. Her career as a visiting nurse is a dynamic I am very close to. Treating a patient in their home environment allows you to have a more rounded view of the patient. She took it upon herself to care for a patient as a whole by getting to know their physical needs but also their socio and economic status. This is an important dynamic in knowing the best way to educate and treat a patient. This is a basis I plan to use when individualizing patient care. Nurse Ward believed "many illnesses resulted from causes outside individual control and that treatment needed to be holistic." I plan to emulate this by building rapport with my patients so that I may be able to make them as successful as possible in the healing process by providing them with care they can be compliant with.

Nurse Wald also started the school nurse program. Her focus of this program was to keep the children healthy by educating them and their parents on the basis of illness. So often we come in contact with patients and their family members who have minimal amount of working knowledge of sickness and how things are spread. She made it her goal to make sure illnesses were explained to the patient and family as well as educated them on the modes of transmission. This little addition on knowledge helped decrease the amount of illness and minimize its spread. This also helped to prevent the recurrence of illnesses at home. The continuation of this thought process to transfer more information to those who need it is something I am passionate about. Knowledge is power and if you begin to educate one and disseminate accurate information they will share it with others.