Barbara’s Blog

Congratulations to all of our “Nurse of the Year” award winners, and a great thanks to everyone who worked so hard on our Nurses Week celebrations this year. A special thanks to all who helped keep the secret so that we could really surprise LeighAnn Sidone with the Daisy Champion award this year!

I particularly want to thank everyone for working so hard to help us improve our patients’ perception of care here at Suburban. Bedside shift report has now rolled out beautifully on all of our inpatient units, and we are emphasizing pain and comfort as a priority focus for every hospital patient. Communication with patients and families to express our concern for minimizing the patient’s pain and maximizing their comfort changes the whole patient/caregiver relationship in a positive manner.

Thank you for all that you do and, once again, special congratulations to all of our Nurse and Tech of the Year award winners and nominees. Division Winners are highlighted in red below:

- ER: Virginia Schad, RN and Freshta Rahimi, PCT
- ICU: Rita Wilkerson, RN and Rennae Estrella, PCT
- Cardiology: Oneil Galega, RN and Lilibeth Edquiban, PCT
- Cath Lab: Aurea DeGuzman, RN
- Oncology: Linda Simpson, RN and Claudia Stepp, PCT
- Adult Medical: Julie Todaro-Lawser, RN and Karlene Braimbridge, PCT
- Adult Surgical: Carmen Vogt, RN and Petergay Bagaloo, PCT
- Acute Medical: Justin Bowser, RN and Schirly Vargas Santamaria, PCT
- Ortho/Neuro: Elizabeth Reuter, RN and Kingsley Koranteng, PCT
- OR: Jane Miner, RN and Wendy Ortiz, ST
- Endoscopy and Minor Procedures: Violeta Lorete, RN and John Kleinguenther, PCT
- PACU: Susan Chandler, RN and Kimberly Rollins, PCT
- Behavioral Health: Brenda Martin, RN and Ronnie Morrison, Counselor
- Outcomes Management: Mary Jane Apolonio, RN
- Advance Specialty/ Nurse Educators: Liz Regan, RN
- Infusion Center: Kizzie Williams, RN

Noteworthy Nurses

- Congratulations to our newly certified nurses! Sarah Bergfalk and Carolyn Dzimiela (Pediatrics) are Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurses (CPEN). Mark Tulaio (ICU) earned his Cardiac Nursing Certification.
- A Spotlight on Clinical Excellence Claudia Stepp, PCT from Oncology was awarded the Brown Oncology Award for excellence in oncology patient care. Megan Coyne, RN from PCU was awarded the Mended Heart Award for excellence in cardiac nursing care. Congratulations to both winners!
**Nominate A Shining Star**

The Johns Hopkins Nursing Shining Star Award honors outstanding nurses in the Hopkins community ranging from licensed and practicing nurses in a Hopkins-affiliated hospital to faculty and student nurses at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. Nominees are nurses who demonstrate clinical excellence in their area of nursing to improve the quality of patient care and have made a significant difference to the nursing profession. Hospital nurse nominees must have at least one year experience at a Johns Hopkins-affiliated hospital. Winners will be announced at “An Evening With The Stars,” a celebration ceremony held at the School of Nursing in Baltimore. To nominate your shining star online, [click here](#). Nomination deadline is July 15, 2014.

**Suburban Hospital Receives 2014 ABNS Award for Nursing Certification Advocacy**

Citing Suburban Hospital’s innovative efforts to encourage nurses to achieve specialty certification, the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) awarded the hospital its 2014 Award for Nursing Certification Advocacy. The ABNS President Maria Shirey presented the award to Suburban’s nursing leadership during its annual Nurses Week awards ceremony on May 6.

“Suburban Hospital’s nursing department implemented creative programs to encourage and recognize specialty nursing certification throughout the hospital,” notes Cynthia Nowicki Hnatiuk, EdD, RN, chair of the ABNS Awards and Recognition Committee. “Their commitment and creativity made them stand out from the rest and we are honored to recognize them.” A special thanks to the Professional Development Council who compiled and submitted the ABNS application.

**30 Days to Go Live!**

All staff should be attending epic classes and completing e-learnings. As you attend training, please communicate any potential patient safety issues or workflow concerns to your directors. There will be a series of Super User Workshops held the week of June 16th. The workshops will supplement the ongoing training, reviewing high risk/high volume tasks and Suburban-specific workflows. Workshops are open to all nursing staff but a priority will be given for super users and manager approval is required for all who are interested in attending. Workshops will be held in CR 6/7 and class content is repeated at each session. To register for a class please email LeighAnn Sidone at lsidone1@jhmi.edu. Registration is preferred but not required.

**Inpatient Workshops:**
- Monday, June 16th 8a-11a
- Tuesday, June 17th 10a-1p & 1p-4p
- Friday, June 20th 11a-2p

**ER Workshops:**
- Sunday, June 15th 10a-1p & 2p-5p
- Friday, June 20th 2p-5p

**CDU Workshops:**
- Monday, June 23rd 8a-11a & 11a-2p
- Wednesday, June 25th 8a-11a

**Pre/Post Procedure/ PACU Workshops:**
- Monday, June 16th 11a-2p & 2p-5p
- Thursday, June 19th 8a-11a

**IR/CV Workshop:**
- Tuesday, June 17th 4p-7p

**Minor Procedures/Endo Workshops:**
- Wednesday, June 18th 4p-5p; 5p-6p & 6p-7p

**OR Workshops:**
- Thursday, June 19th 12p-3p & 3p-5p
- Friday, June 29th 8a-11a

**Code Narrator:**
- Wednesday, June 18th 7:30-8:30 (ICU CR); 1p-2p & 2:30-3:30p (both in CR 6/7)

**Special Thank You**

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for the very special surprise during Nurses Week. I was completely shocked and overwhelmed by the thoughtful gesture! I will cherish the posters made by each of the departments. I am honored to work with such an amazing nursing department!

~LeighAnn Sidone