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Celebrating Methodist Hospitals' 121 Certified Nurses



Methodist Hospitals celebrated Certified Nurses Day on March 19 by honoring its 122 board-certified nurses.

Board certification of nurses plays an increasingly important role in the assurance of high standards of care for patients and their loved ones. Nursing, like health care in general, has become increasingly complex. While a registered nurse license provides entry to general nursing practice, the knowledge-intensive requirements of modern nursing require extensive education, as well as a strong personal commitment to excellence by the nurse.

As a token of our appreciation for their dedication and professionalism, Methodist Hospitals presented each of our certified nurses with a crossbody sling backpack.

The following nurses were recognized for their professionalism, leadership, and commitment to excellence in patient care:

Virginia Ait Said, RN

Folake Aje, APRN

Leyna Anderson, APRN

Nancy Anderson, RN

Rosie Atkinson, APRN

Kalalani Avery, RN

Kara Baltz, RN

Sarah Baran RN

Heidi Biggs, APRN

Michele Billings, RN

Janice Bohlim, APRN

Frank Bradtke, RN

Kim Buford, APRN

Billie Childress, RN

Gianna Cioe Mendez, RN

John Coates, RN

Luanne Coleman, RN

Euphemia Connell, RN

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3 Joint Commission Recommendations for our Nurses

During the recent Joint Commission survey, their surveyors identified several opportunities designed to help Methodist Hospitals meet their required patient care. There are three specific actions that our nurses can take...

One-Hour Pain Level Reassessments — Nurses must document pain responses after interventions. To accomplish that, nurses must reassess pain levels one hour after medicating and/or implementing comfort measures.

Physician Orders for Medications — Medications must be administered based on physician orders. For example,

if a patient requests ibuprofen for pain rated at 6, but the order reads administer ibuprofen for pain rating 2-4, the physician must be contacted to change or provide a new order based on the higher pain rating before the nurse administers the medication.

New Medication Education — When administering new medication to a patient, that patient must be educated about that medicine. For now, nurses are to document the Education section of the chart. A HealthStream learning event about accessing medication education off the EMAR is coming soon.

Certified Nurses (continued)

Deborah Curless, APRN
Jacqueline Curtis, RN
Kristi Darnell, APRN
Andrea Davies, RN
Brittany Descrenszo, RN
Biljana Dobrijevic, RN
Sonja Doeski, RN
Onyinye Echeumuna, APRN
Chaundra Eichmeier, RN
Evelyn Ello, RN
Jacob Elman, RN
Rebecca Escoe, RN
Melissa Evers, APRN
Tashyla Farmer, RN
Kristen, Forsythe, APRN
Kerry Gallagher, RN
Patricia Grabek, APRN
Sharon Greiner, RN
Shela Grover, RN
Heather Grzelak, RN
Patti Harper, RN
Sonia Harris, RN
David Hartford, RN
Cory Haston, RN
Mary Hoffman APRN
Kash Hollister, RN
Amy Horvath, RN
Cheryl Hutnick, RN
Krystle Jackson, RN
Quinella Jackson, RN
Renita Jackson, RN
Wanda Jordan, RN
Erin Keith, RN
Rhonisha Kelly, RN
Keegan Kennedy, RN
Amy Kersey, RN
Eleni Kimes, RN
Nikki Laas, RN
Yolanda Lee, RN
Megan Lewis, RN
Michele Lobo, RN
Ruthshun Lumpkins, RN
Elle Maravilla, RN
Traci Marshall, RN
April Martin, RN
Lori McBride, RN
Terri Mccullough, RN
Colleem McDermott, RN
Jean Miller, RN
Lena Modieh, APRN
Shatya "Maxine" Moore, RN
Kim Morgan, RN

Lori Morrow, APRN
Deb Murfitt, RN
Brenda Nnabueze, APRN
Patrick O'Brien, RN
Carol Oaks, RN
Julijana Obetkovska, APRN
Latoya Pahrn, RN
Justin Pendilla, RN
Deena Pidrak, RN
David Pieroni, RN
Rhonda Planck, RN
Kathy Plesac, RN
Laurel Pritchard, RN
Cheryl Rhoades, RN
Suzanne Richards, RN
Merlene Richardson, APRN
Laura Rodriguez, APRN
Chris Rohl, APRN
Michelle Ruhnke, APRN
Vivian Ruiz-Howard, RN
Carol Sakelaris, RN
Michelle Saliaris, RN
Maureen Salinas, APRN
Jill Sarbenoff, RN
Kimberly Sauseman, RN
Rachael Schultz, APRN
Nancy Scott, RN
Kim Serrano, RN
Rebecca Shook, RN
Amy Spencer, RN
Keva Swopes, APRN
Tammi Symmes, RN
Jamie Tarpley, RN
Amanda Terry, RN
Shelley Tinnel, RN
Steve Trask, RN
Jackie Turner, RN
Mary Jo Valentine, RN
Debi Van Woerden, RN
Cyndi Wells-Rogers, RN
Kaitlin Wells, RN
Christina West, RN
Claire West, RN
Cheryl White, RN
Dawn White, RN
Kelly Wieser, RN
Karol Wilcher, RN
Andrea Williams, RN
Scott Williams, RN
Suzanne Wirtz, RN
Sarah Zilz, RN

"Professional certification is a voluntary designation earned by nurses who demonstrate a level of competency, skill, and knowledge in their field," said Mary Jo Valentine, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Director, Nursing Professional Development. Please join Methodist Hospitals in honoring these hardworking, dedicated nurses for their professionalism and a job well done."

Methodist Hospitals welcomes 5 new nursing assistants

Methodist Hospitals is answering the industry-wide shortage of nursing assistants by recruiting and training our own new nursing assistants.



We're pleased to welcome five new NAs who recently completed five days of intensive education led by our own Euphemia Connell, DNP, APRN, ACNS-BC.

Jazmine Joseph, Samantha Odanovich, Jerome Donald, Natasha Sanders and Valerie Taylor received training on taking vital signs, and how to assist patients in activities of daily living as part our new training program. This program aims to increase the number of unlicensed assistive personnel at the bedside to promote improved patient outcomes and engagement.

Misty Burress, RN February Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Southlake labor and delivery charge nurse Misty Burress, RN, for being Methodist's Employee of the Month in February. She was nominated for her fast thinking, organizational skills, her ability to take charge of any situation and going above and beyond to do her job. Way to go, Misty!



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