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CNO MESSAGE: Our 2025 Nurses Week Celebration



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This year's Nurses Week at Methodist Hospitals was a meaningful celebration of the compassion, excellence and dedication that define our nursing team. Throughout the week, we recognized the incredible impact you make on our patients, our organization and each other. From the relaxing massage therapy days to the ice cream social and unit potlucks, the week was filled with moments of gratitude, camaraderie and well-deserved appreciation.

A highlight of the week was our Nursing Awards Presentations, where we honored the outstanding achievements of nurses and team members who go above and beyond every day.

Please join me in offering heartfelt congratulations to this year's Nursing Award winners. Your commitment to clinical excellence, leadership and patient-centered care exemplifies the best of our profession. I also want to recognize the 26 nurses and staff members who were nominated for this year's awards. Each nomination is a testament to the respect and admiration you've earned from your colleagues.

Thank you all for the work you do—not just during Nurses Week, but every day of the year. You are the heart of Methodist Hospitals, and it's a privilege to celebrate you and the power of nursing.



Our 2025 Nursing Award Recipients

Methodist Hospitals proudly held its annual Nursing Award Ceremonies, recognizing outstanding nurses at Northlake on May 8 and Southlake on May 9. Please join us in congratulating this year's honorees, who exemplify the dedication, compassion, and commitment that define our entire nursing team.



Nursing Excellence Award

Northlake: Jenny Torres, RN | Neonatal ICU

Jenny is a dedicated NICU nurse whose years of experience and commitment to quality care make a lasting impact on her team and patients. She mentors new nurses, promotes evidence-based practice, and consistently advocates for the well-being of the unit's most vulnerable infants.



Southlake: Christine Eggleston, RN | Resource

Christine is known for her exceptional clinical skills, teamwork and commitment to patient care. She consistently supports colleagues as a charge nurse and preceptor, all while delivering compassionate, high-quality care. Her critical thinking and dedication are recognized daily by patients, families and fellow staff members.



Caregiver Award

Northlake: Symonia Allen | ED Tech

Symonia consistently goes above and beyond to support nurses, physicians, patients, and families in the ER. Her calm, can-do attitude never wavers, even in the most hectic moments. Symonia's reliability, positivity, and dedication make her an essential and uplifting presence on the care team.



Southlake: Ashley Gillespie | Nursing Assistant

Ashley is a highly motivated team member whose dedication and compassionate care stand out on 2W3. A graduate of Methodist's Nursing Assistant program, she consistently earns praise from patients and colleagues for her excellent care, eagerness to learn, and positive, team-oriented attitude.



Friend of Nursing

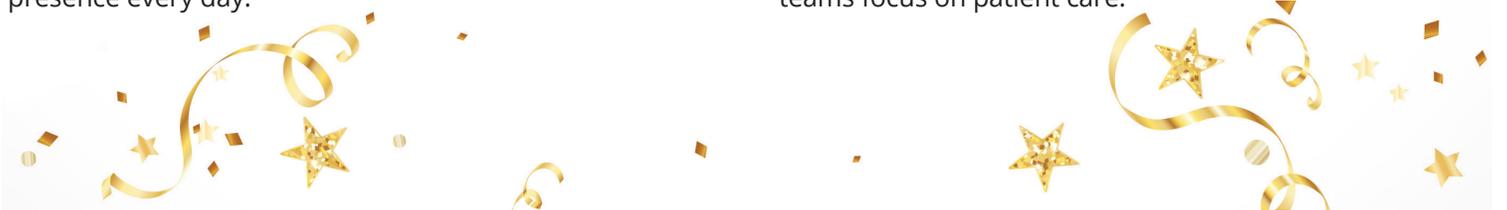
Northlake: Florence Garza | Pharmacist

Flo is a trusted and valued partner to the ER team, ensuring timely delivery of critical medications and offering expert support with pharmacy and Omnicell issues. Her positivity, responsiveness in high-stress situations, and willingness to educate make her a reliable and uplifting presence every day.



Southlake: Christina Tobye | Surgery Coordinator

Christina is a dedicated and detail-driven team member who plays a vital role in Surgical Services. From accurate charting and billing to tissue products tracking and equipment coordination, her precision, professionalism, and willingness to help ensure smooth operations and let clinical teams focus on patient care.



The Times Honors 4 Methodist Nurses



Julia Albrecht, RN
Northlake
Emergency Dept.



Tiffany Bowling, RN
Home
Health



Valentine Sanchez, RN
Northlake
Resource



Kelly Wieser, RN
Southlake
Cardiac IMCU

Four Methodist Hospitals nurses were among 10 Northwest Indiana nurses recognized by The Times as part of its Nurses – The Heart of Health Care effort to salute outstanding nurses serving The Region at its annual Nurses Week event on May 14, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville. They were also featured in the newspaper’s Get Healthy section, which published on May 8.

Julia Albrecht, RN, BSN; Tiffany Bowling, RN, LPN, MSN; Valentine Sanchez, RN, BSN; and Kelly Wieser, RN, were chosen by a panel of three judges and featured in the newspaper’s Get Healthy section, which published on May 14.

“Nurses comfort, care, educate, console, relate, endear and provide direction and assistance,” wrote Get Healthy editor Mary Jane Grandinetti. “They are at the forefront when we are sick; their work responsibilities immense, their efforts tireless and their commitment endless. Get Healthy tips its hat to these standout nurses in Northwest Indiana.”

Please join us in congratulating our Methodist Hospitals colleagues.



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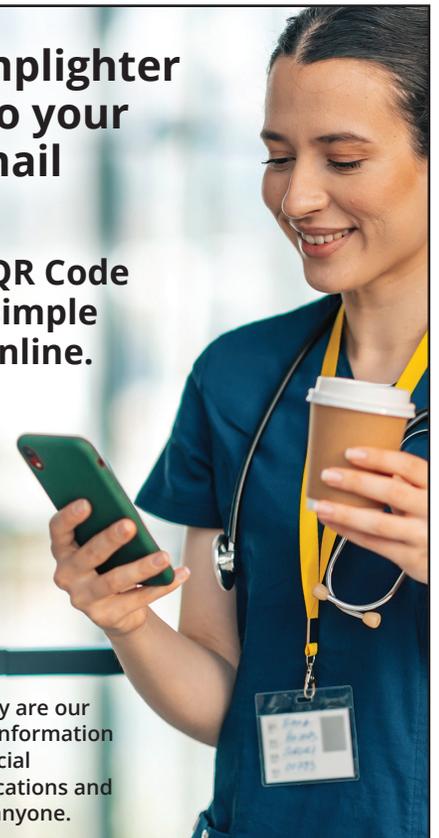


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IT UPDATE

Keys to Signing In & Out

At the start of your shift, sign in to assume your patient assignments for the day. Select either the 8-hour or 12-hour option to automatically populate your shift end time. Enter your contact number, then click either Phone or Pager. This step updates the treatment team list so providers will know that you're the assigned nurse and how to reach you.

Sign In

Start: 1200 05/21/2025

End: 2000 05/21/2025

Role: Registered Nurse

Service: --

Contact #: Enter # first for free-text data

Phone Pager

Additional Team Members

Nurse Inpatient, RN 219-757-5555

Registered Nurse

05/21/2025 12:49 PM to 05/21/2025 08:49 PM

Patients to whom you are assigned will then be listed in your Brain:

Brain

2 Patients

+ Task

Prior 5/21/25 1200

Personal Tasks

PRN

Test, Leslie
Attending: Fadi Alzeidan, MD
Allergies: Not on File

263-A (MM...
62 y.o. / F

Strokept, Ima
Attending: Fadi Alzeidan, MD
Allergies: No Known Allergies

264-A
50 y.o. / F

Properly signing in and out will keep nurses on track of tasks and help to streamline documentation.

Mariana Maynard is among the Best of the Region

Mariana Maynard, RN, is a Methodist Hospitals Labor and Delivery nurse on the Southlake campus. She is also among the best nurses in Northwest Indiana according to readers of the Times who chose Mariana among the Best of the Region in the newspaper's 2025 reader poll.



Congrats to this year's Nursing Award Nominees

For the second consecutive year, we received a record number of nominations for this year's Nursing Awards. Please join us in saluting our colleagues whose dedication and expertise inspired their nominations:

Nurse Excellence Nominees

Julia Albrecht, RN, Northlake ED
Rita Dahl, RN, Northlake ICU
David Dziewicki, RN, Southlake 5W2
Christine Eggleston, RN, Southlake Resource
Brittany Evanovich, RN, Resource
Tashyla Farmer, RN, Resource
Melissa Genovese, RN, Northlake ED
Janel Johnson, RN, Resource
Jamie Smith, RN, Northlake ED
Linda Stanford, RN, Northlake VAT
Jenny Torres, RN, Neonatal ICU
Tam Tran, RN, Southlake ED
Christina West, RN, Resource
Linda Witkowski, RN, Southlake OR

Caregiver Excellence Nominees

Symonia Allen - Northlake ED Tech
Ashtyn Barnett, Nursing Assistant, Southlake 5W1
Tyler Donsbach, Nurse Extern, Southlake ICU
Ashley Gillespie - NA, Southlake 2W3
Kristin Lee - Northlake Certified Surgery Tech
Robyn McGrew - Northlake ED Tech
Jaila-Jade Steward, CNA, Southlake 5W2

Friend of Nursing Nominees

Karen Dates, Northlake Lab Tech
Louis Dixon, Southlake, Team Leader, Admission Coordinator
Florence Garza, Northlake, Associate Director, Inpatient Pharmacy
Shrone Givens, Northlake Patient Transportation
Christina Tobye, Southlake Surgery Coordinator



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