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SMH Celebrates National Certified Nurses Day
Honors other clinical staff for their specialty achievements

PLYMOUTH, N.H. --- March 19 is National Certified Nurses Day, and Speare Memorial Hospital applauds their certified nurses for their knowledge, skills, and experience demonstrated by achieving certification in a nursing specialty to promote optimal health outcomes for patients.

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 healthcare in general, has become increasingly complex. While a registered nurse (RN) 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.

“The certification of specialized skill-sets affirms a knowledge and experience base for practitioners in a particular field, their employers, and the public at large,” explains Annie Cote, RN, CEN, MSN/ED, Speare’s clinical education coordinator. “Certification represents a declaration of a particular individual’s professional competence. In some professions certification is a requirement for employment or practice.”

The following Registered Nurses have tested nationally and through certification, demonstrate mastery of a specialized body of nursing knowledge:

Debra Thompson RN CEN –Emergency Nursing
Nancy Brubaker RN CEN – Emergency Nursing
Jeanne Erickson RN CCEMTP –Critical Care Transport
Ann Marie Piper RN OCN –Oncology Nursing
Ann Marie Cote RN MSN CEN – Emergency Nursing
Linda Reisert RN OCN – Oncology Nursing
Polly Michaud RN OCN – Oncology Nursing
Sara Dembiec RN CNOR –Surgical Nursing
Rose Newton RNC APA –Ambulatory/Peri-anesthesia Nursing
Shari Laurion RN MSN CNOR –Surgical Nursing
Molly OMara RN CNOR-Surgical Services
Kris Hering RN CCRN –Critical Care Nursing
Rhoda Knight CMSRN and CHPN –Med/Surg and Hospice/Palliative Care
Jo Boyce RNC- Obstetrical Nursing
Beth Simpson RNC – Obstetrical Nursing
Marianne Goodrow RN CCRN – Critical Care Nursing
Brenda Clement RNC –Mother/Newborn Nursing
Kathy Wolfendon RNC– Mother/Newborn Nursing
Marsh Bausor RNC SANE –Sexual Assault Examiner and Obstetrical Nursing
Karen Cochrane-Roundy RN CLC – Lactation Counselor
Tammy Murray RNC-LRN- Obstetrical Nursing

Amy Tomasello RNC –Obstetrical Nursing
Joan Harmon RN SANE – Sexual Assault Examiner

Specialty certification not only fosters professional growth, but also promotes career development and is formally recognized through SMH’s Clinical Advancement Program. The Clinical Advancement Program is available to all direct patient care staff working in non-supervisory roles. Eligible employees have a minimum of an associate’s degree (or graduate of RN diploma program), completed one year of employment before applying to the program, and have worked at least 500 hours during that year.

SMH also recognizes other direct patient care staff who have achieved certification within their respective fields:

Heidi Ashe, RCP RRT AE-C – Certified Asthma Educator
Christine Fenn - Certified Health Unit Coordinator
Robert Ryan, DLM, MLS (ASCP) – Diplomate in Laboratory Management
Jeff Dropkin RP CCEMTP- Critical Care Transport
Eileen Clark RP CCEMTP- Critical Care Transport
Dawn Roby RP CCEMTP -Critical Care Transport
Marie Veselsky RD CDE -Certified Diabetes Educator
Kristie Smugereski RT R CT Lead CT Technologist
John Swartz RT R CT - Certified CAT Scan Technologist
Theodore Smith RT R CT - Certified CAT Scan Technologist
Amy Hartle RT R CT - Certified CAT Scan Technologist
Cori Tobine RT R M-PACS Specialist - Mammography Certified Technologist
Brenda Sleasman RT R M - Mammography Certified Technologist
Linda Nestor RT R M CT CRA - Certified CAT Scan Technologist
Mammography Certified Technologists
Mary Sampson RT R M CT – Certified CAT Scan Technologist
Lead Mammography Technologist

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