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In Celebration of Nurses Week, Health Care Leaders Recognize Recipients of Prestigious Magnet Award for Nursing

The nurses at Huntington Hospital have once again distinguished themselves, and for the 4th time have received Magnet Recognition®. An honor given to just 7% of hospitals worldwide and 1 of just 36 in the country to receive the designation four or more times; the nurses at Huntington Hospital are the 1st on Long Island who have claimed this accomplishment. Physician and Legislator, William R. Spencer organized a press conference to bring attention to the noble profession during Nurses Week and to showcase the outstanding care the Huntington Hospital Nurses have consistently provided.

“Nurses are the unsung heroes of our health care system. We are here to pay tribute to them for National Nurses Week, and specifically, to recognize the outstanding work of our nurses here at Huntington Hospital who recently earned the prestigious Magnet designation for the 4th time in 16 years from the American Nurses Credentialing Center,” stated Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D.

National Nurses week begins each year on May 6th and ends on May 12th, the birthday of Florence Nightingale the founder of modern nursing. Nurses play an integral role in providing patients and their families the highest level of care, and often provide needed emotional support which contributes to improved patient and family outcomes.

“This Long Island record fourth Magnet designation would not be possible without all of Huntington Hospital’s nurses and nurses’ aides working so diligently and compassionately every hour of every day,” said Susan Knoepffler, RN, chief nursing officer at Huntington Hospital.

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“On my own behalf and that of the thousand physicians who make up our medical staff, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all of the nursing staff at Huntington Hospital. Your clinical excellence and attentive care are what make our physicians confident in Huntington Hospital and want to bring their patients here,” said Michael B. Grosso, MD, chief medical officer at Huntington Hospital.

Magnet Recognition is the highest level of recognition that an organization can receive for quality nursing care. Factors include:

- Excellent patient outcomes
- High level of job satisfaction and a low staff turnover rate
- Increased involvement in decision-making/autonomy
- Research-based nursing practice
- Professional growth and advancement

To achieve Magnet® recognition, organizations must pass a rigorous and lengthy process that demands widespread participation from leadership and staff. This process includes an electronic application, intense standards and benchmarks that must be met, written documentation, an on-site visit, and a review by the Commission on Magnet® Recognition.

“The Magnet designation is certainly a marker of an outstanding hospital as it most directly correlates to excellence in patient care,” said Gerard X. Brogan, Jr., MD, executive director of Huntington Hospital. “I appreciate everyone’s efforts to help Huntington Hospital reach this record milestone.”

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