WakeMed Medical-Surgical Unit Receives International Award for Exemplary Nursing

The medical-surgical nursing unit at WakeMed Raleigh Campus recently received the prestigious AMSN PRISM Award®, an honor recognizing exceptional nursing practice, leadership and outcomes in hospital medical-surgical units. WakeMed’s medical-surgical nursing team is the second in the state and the 30th in the world to receive the award.

Honoring Nursing Units Around the World

The award, which stands for Premier Recognition In the Specialty of Med-Surg, is the first of its kind honoring medical-surgery nursing units in the world. It is co-sponsored by the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN) and the Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNCB).

An official representing AMSN and MSNCB presented Pam Cross, RN, manager of the WakeMed medical-surgical nursing unit, with the AMSN PRISM award during a ceremony on June 6 at WakeMed Raleigh Campus.
This is an outstanding achievement for our team and thoroughly well deserved, said Cindy Boily, RN, senior vice president & chief nursing officer, WakeMed Health & Hospitals. This amazing team of nurses represent the best of the best and their commitment to continuous learning, advocacy for their patients and high-quality care for our patients, their families and our community is unmatched.

Celebrating Leaders in Nursing

Hoping to inspire nurses to strive for the highest levels of patient safety and quality, AMSN and MSNCB launched the AMSN PRISM award in 2012.

The award celebrates medical-surgical units that exhibit:

- Effective leadership
- Recruitment and retention of competent staff members
- Evidence-based practice
- Positive patient outcomes
- A health practice environment
- Lifelong learning of unit staff members

There are more than 600,000 medical-surgical nurses practicing in the United States today, making them the single largest group of specialty nurses working in hospital settings, according to AMSN. Medical-surgical nurses oversee a broad spectrum of patient care responsibilities, another reason the acronym PRISM was chosen for the award.

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