

## WakeMed Medical-Surgical Unit Receives International Award for Exemplary Nursing



*WakeMed nursing team 2<sup>nd</sup> in N.C. and 30<sup>th</sup> in the World to Receive Honor*

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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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