2018 NURSING ANNUAL REPORT

Magnifying Nursing Excellence
The Providence Commitment

THE MISSION
As expressions of God’s healing love, witnessed through the ministry of Jesus, we are steadfast in serving all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.

OUR VALUES

Compassion  Jesus taught and healed with compassion for all. – Matthew 4:24
- We reach out to those in need and offer comfort as Jesus did.
- We nurture the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of one another and those we serve.
- Through our healing presence, we accompany those who suffer.

Dignity  All people have been created in the image of God. – Genesis 1:27
- We value, encourage and celebrate the gifts in one another.
- We respect the inherent dignity and worth of every individual.
- We recognize each interaction as a sacred encounter.

Justice  Act with justice, love with kindness and walk humbly with your God. – Micah 6:8
- We foster a culture that promotes unity and reconciliation.
- We strive to care wisely for our people, our resources and our earth.
- We stand in solidarity with the most vulnerable, working to remove the causes of oppression and promoting justice for all.

Excellence  Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart. – Colossians 3:23
- We set the highest standards for ourselves and our ministries.
- Through transformation and innovation, we strive to improve the health and quality of life in our communities.
- We commit to compassionate, safe and reliable practices for the care of all.

Integrity  Let us love not merely with words or speech but with actions in truth. – 1 John 3:18
- We hold ourselves accountable to do the right thing for the right reasons.
- We speak truthfully and courageously with generosity and respect.
- We pursue authenticity with humility and simplicity.
- We commit to compassionate, safe and reliable practices for the care of all.

OUR VISION
Health for a Better World

OUR PROMISE
“Know me, care for me, ease my way.”
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From the Chief Nurse

It is with great pride that I share with you the 2018 St. Patrick Hospital Nurse Annual Report, where we will take a look at how nursing excellence was magnified throughout the year. St. Patrick Hospital’s (SPH) reputation for exceptional patient care is significantly influenced by our talented, knowledgeable and dedicated nurses. Nursing is at the forefront of St. Pat’s excellence.

At SPH, our team of 569 nurses, each with their own professional goals, ideas and strengths, work diligently each day to continue to improve the safety and quality of care delivery. It is through this commitment that SPH received our second Magnet recognition in October. Magnet recognition is for health care organizations who truly value nursing talent and commitment. Magnet recognition is steadfast proof of a hard-earned commitment to excellence in healthcare with contended nurses at its heart (ANCC).

In 2018, we continued to improve our outcomes and quality initiatives, and invest in the professional development of our caregivers. This annual report will highlight many of these achievements, such as:

- **Quality**: Magnet Re-designation
- **Safe**: Met Outstanding target for Hospital Acquired Infections
- **Safe**: Continued growth in moving towards a highly reliable organization
- **Effective**: Continued focus on improving Sepsis outcomes
- **Compassionate**: Excellent patient experience scores
- **Quality**: 5-Star CMS rating

These are just a few examples of the daily dedication by our nurses to continue to uphold our reputation of excellence and provide continued high quality care.

Each day I am reminded of the commitment to patient care and the compassion demonstrated by the nurses. Patients and families share their experiences and highlight the impact the nurses have had on their healing and their lives. I am blessed to be a part of this legacy nursing community. As you read through this year’s report, I hope you will get a sense of the drive and compassion of St. Pat’s nurses. It was an outstanding year, and I hope you will share my pride in St. Pat’s nurses.

Sincerely,
Carol Bensen, MSN, RN CENP

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”
— Aristotle
Nursing Leaders

Joyce Dombrouski
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Jessica James
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Rochelle Schmauch
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Clinical Nurse Manager, Neuro Ortho

Steven Walters
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Assistant Nurse Manager, Neuro Ortho

Dawn Rohrbach
BSN, RN, CCRN
Clinical Nurse Manager, ICU

Nicole Marks
MSN, RN, CCRN
Assistant Nurse Manager, ICU

Lance Somerfield
BSN, RN, CEN
Clinical Nurse Manager, ED

Tracy Hartzell
BSN, RNC-OB
Clinical Nurse Manager, L&D

Janet Jacobson-Glassy
BSN, RN, CVRN
Clinical Nurse Manager, International Heart Institute, Anti-Coag Clinic

Lindsay Dahlseid
MSN, RN, CVRN
Clinical Nurse Manager, CVL

Jeremy Williams
BSN, RN
Clinical Nurse Manager, Neurobehavioral Medicine

Cassie Moran
BSN, RN
Assistant Nurse Manager, Neurobehavioral Medicine

Kelly O’Brien
MSN, RN, CPAN
Clinical Nurse Manager, OR

Jenna Hendrickson
BSN, RN, CAPA
Clinical Nurse Manager, Day Surgery/PACU

Scott Lanser
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MSN, RN, CPHQ
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Michelle Cole
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Manager, Infection Prevention

Danell Stengem
MSN, RN-BC, CNL
Quality & Excellence Specialist

Magnifying Nursing Excellence!
Our **Professional Practice Model**

The St. Patrick Hospital Professional Practice Model (PPM) was designed to serve as a schematic depiction of how SPH nurses practice both the art and science of nursing. Our PPM incorporates several aspects of nursing practice, including patient care, communication, collaboration, professional development and caring for oneself.

The Providence values of Compassion, Dignity, Justice, Excellence, and Integrity are the foundation supporting nursing practice and the bedrock below the mountains. The mountains mirror the geography surrounding the Missoula valley. Each mountain formation represents a tenet that, when combined, form the overarching commitment to our profession. These tenets exemplify how we practice the art of nursing at SPH. The river flowing between the mountains represents professional excellence. Professional excellence at SPH embodies the constant and continuous current of knowledge needed to provide sustenance to advance the science of nursing.
As nurses, we believe:
• We must pursue a commitment to our own well-being through making healthy choices personally and professionally to enhance safe, quality care to patients.
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Care of Self
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Seeking Evidence for Our Practice
As nurses, we believe:
• Utilizing evidence to support and strengthen our practice is essential to achieving the quality of care we seek to provide to our patients.
• Our profession has as its foundation the essentials of research, evaluation and translation of evidence into our clinical and operational processes.
• Integrating evidence-based practice and research innovations into our profession enables us to provide high-quality, efficient care that improves our patient outcomes.

Embracing New Knowledge
As nurses, we believe:
• We must continually advance our knowledge and expertise in the field of nursing as it coincides with our goals of providing excellent care and improving patient outcomes.
• In a system for rewarding nurses, through compensation and other non-monetary forms of recognition, who seek additional clinical expertise or advanced credentialing.
• We are mentors who share our enthusiasm about professional nursing within the organization and the community.
• Advanced practice nursing roles are essential in our organization as they support and enhance nursing care throughout the organization and the community.

Sharing Our Governance
"The decision-making process that places authority, responsibility, and accountability for patient care with the practicing nurse." (AONE Leadership Series 1996).
As nurses, we believe:
• The role of Shared Governance in our organization allows all staff opportunities for formal, collaborative and coordinated problem solving within the practice of nursing.
• The principles of Shared Governance are attractive to nurses from all levels because of the compelling, valued activities and experiences they provide.
• Shared Governance functions as a method to communicate decisions and strategies to the nurse at the bedside.
• The model continually evolves through a review of implemented changes and by seeking input from the staff nurses as to its success in relation to their daily work.
Shared governance is a working model of participatory decision making in which nurses are organized to make decisions about clinical practice standards, quality improvement, staff and professional development, and research. This decision making structure places the authority, responsibility, and accountability for patient care with the nurse as a practicing clinician and gives them empowerment and control of their nursing practice.
HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NIGHT SHIFT COUNCIL
• Assisted with decreasing noise levels at night.
• Recruited new members from more departments for our council.
• Created Facebook Page for better communication amongst council members.
• Brought Food Trucks at night to staff as a hot food option.
• Revisited and Improved Vocera communication between staff and Radiology with Rad Techs and CT Techs.
• Encouraged and reiterated the use of HRO tools at night.
• Initiated the use and availability of an Ethics Consult at night.
• Nursing Skills Fair was made available to Night shift staff thus improving job satisfaction for Night Shift Staff with regards to education.

HEALTHFUL PRACTICE ENVIRONMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS
• Implemented Leader Daisy Award
• Completed a gap analysis of AONE Principles and Practice of a Healthy Work Environment
• Awarded Innovation and Daisy Awards
• Magnet site prep
• Assisted in planning NERS sessions in preparation for Magnet Site visit
• Supported bedside caregivers in attending Magnet Conference
• ANA Code of Ethics write-ups in Positive Connections
• Approved the addition of a new Shared Governance Council- Stewardship/Green for Good
• Engaged managers in the EBP Bootcamp
INTENSIVE CARE UNIT BASED COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• More electrical outlets in rooms
• New white boards in all rooms
• Highlighted ICU protocols and algorithms, which included education talking points, monthly at safety huddles
• EPIC education points done at team meetings and CN meetings
• Trialed new fall prevention kits
• Updated TIPS and TRICKS book for unit
• Picked 2018 Eileen Rouns Inspiration Award
• Trialed mobility sheets to increases
• HRO Red-Yellow-Green board
• “Get to Know Me Sheets” for new hires
• Air Fresheners in utility closets
• New ICU signage

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

• Organized Professional Development Week
• Education Fair presentation during Professional Development Week
• Preceptor Award – Beth Eldridge, BSN, RN, CMSRN
• ANA Nursing Code of Ethics write-up
• Annual Professional Development Letter
• Gave input to peer review process

5NORTH UNIT BASED COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Worked with Karol Cady in wound care to roll out check-list for our patients who are at high risk for skin breakdown. By discussing this frequently and having nurses complete the check-list we are increasingly aware of patients who are at risk for skin breakdown and what interventions we should utilize to prevent hospital acquired pressure ulcers.
• We identified that we only had 10cc normal saline syringes stocked in our core. Worked with S&D to have the 5cc syringes stocked.
• Patients reported inconsistencies in our practice around accessing port-a-caths. Collaborated with cancer center staff on standardizing how we access port-a-caths. This education was rolled out in our October nursing skills fairs and during new hire orientation.
• Identified inconsistencies in placement of bio-patch for central lines. Education developed and provided to staff in July team meetings.
• Identified that there were delays in initiating chemotherapy on direct admissions from the cancer center because the physicians were not signing their orders before the patient transferred to 5North. This required either the RN or the pharmacist to call and inform the MD to sign the orders so that they could then be released. Issue was brought forth to the cancer center value stream and education was provided to all of their physicians.
• Implemented new process for ensuring home medications are sent with patients at discharge. Slips for belongings and home medications are now taped to the computer to make this more visible to the discharging RN.
5SOUTH UNIT BASED COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Created specific nursing guideline list for RNs floating to 5South
• Created poster for 2018 Skills Fairs
• Presented at Nursing Journal Club

2018 QUALITY & SAFETY COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Developed and refined a nursing quality dashboard for all inpatient and ambulatory care areas, presenting the dashboards in a format that is easy to comprehend and gives a quick visual of performance.
• Improved the understanding of quality measurement among clinical nurses at Providence St. Patrick Hospital in the use of the nursing quality dashboards based upon the ENDS to a MEANS study
• Supported the Nursing Research/EBP Council in the ENDS to a MEANS study
• Developed a process for implementing and tracking action plans for units underperforming national benchmarks in patient satisfaction, nurse-sensitive clinical indicators and RN satisfaction
• Developed a process for reporting nursing quality data during Quality & Safety Council meetings on a monthly basis
• Supported and participated in the Magnet Site Visit.
• Selected 8 winners for Providence St. Patrick Hospitals Quality Award
• Responded to the increase in the patient fall rate and patient fall with injury rate by creating an interdisciplinary Patient Falls Task Force for the Western Montana Service Area.
• Assisted in preparing nurse managers for TJC visit in regards to quality data
• Provided content on how nurses at SPH can participate in the ANA Code of Ethics: Provision 3 and how nurses at SPH practice nursing according to Provision 3

2018 CLINICAL PRACTICE COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Updated the following policies:

• Pain Assessment and Management Policy and Procedure
• Autotransfusion policy
• Medical Coordination of Pediatric Patient Policy (combined 2 policies)
• Pediatric Postoperative Care
• Wound Care Assessment, Intervention, and Documentation Policy
• Inpatient Consult for Diabetes Education
• Fecal Management System
• Use of National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale
• Patient Controlled Analgesia
• Halo-Vest/Cervical Traction
• Pacemaker, temporary Transvenous/Epicardial Care & Management
• Femstop Compression Device
• Pressure Ulcer Prevention
• Noise Minimization Policy
• Restraint Use of Medical/Surgical Intervention
• Patient Assessment, Patients admitted to Hospice Status
• Blood Therapy Policy and Procedure: Adult
• Blood Therapy Policy and Procedure: Pediatric
• Removal of Arterial, Venous, & Radial Sheaths
• Patient Lifting/Transfer Policy and Procedure
• Care of a Radioactive Patient
Reviewed/Implemented Change forms:

- Patient Transport: worked with Volunteer Services to ensure that wheelchairs are available for transport and discharge.
- O2 extension tubing: worked on educating patient/staff on ensuring that fall risk implementation is performed on patients with O2 extension
- IV flush valves: Reeducated staff on how to use the different flush valves
- Titration Medication orders: Reviewed practices on medications that are titratable vs non titratable in inpatients
- Adenosine push/policy update
- Created a floor specific documentation flow sheet
- Sitter Limits: created workflow for sitter limits, outlined/addressed during bedboard
- Updated cardiac drips allowed on specific units
- Worked with RT to create a smoking cessation program
- Reviewed scope of practice for RN pulling chest drain
- Admission Process/Questions: Reviewed the necessity of different units asking similar questions
- Hypoglycemia Protocol for non-diabetics: worked with Diabetes Sub-Committee to create policy
- Diabetic Tray Notification: reinforced need for this
- Blood Consent Verification
- EVS laundering scrubs: only specific units
- O2 masks: open oxy masks causing injury, no change at this time
- Update Contact Information: Ensure patient family info on board and up to date in computer on admission
- Procedural I/O: Working with Radiology to create SBAR
- Post-procedure monitoring: Working with radiology to create pre-procedure checklist
- Notification of providers when patients off the floor: ICU RN to ensure nursing communication order present for primary team time hand-off occurs. Working with radiology to create pre-procedure checklist.
- Provider response to Med Team: Worked with nurses to ensure primary providers are notified.

Write-ups

- AONE Code of Ethics write-up
THE RESEARCH AND EBP COUNCIL COMPLETED THE NURSING DASHBOARD STUDY.

This mixed methods quality improvement project included both interviews with nurses and interviews with many nurses across the hospital. The end product was easy to read, color-coded, unit-specific dashboards displaying quality outcomes data on a monthly basis.

The council held its inaugural EBP Bootcamp. Three groups (each representing 2 nursing units) addressed a problem or opportunity they had identified in their practice areas. They each developed a PICOT question, performed a literature review and developed an evidence-based practice change they then introduced. Each collected outcomes data before and after the change. All were successful, and yielded changes that were adopted in practice. Results from these studies can be seen in the Learning Center in the “Evidence on Display” poster presentation area.

Other accomplishments from 2018 include:
- Dashboard study redesign, and display redesign. Presented at WIN 2018.
- Journal Club, supported 8 in 2018, modified process to incorporate grading/evaluation of evidence.
- EBP Bootcamp
- Clinical Academy
- Lead and support EBP Bootcamp
- 2 editions of EBP Newsletter
- Establish mechanism to capture and disseminate UGF projects
- Complete 2017-2018 Study
- Develop 2018-2019 research studies
- Disseminate findings from studies (Journal Club, CON, PRNSS, External Conferences, Evidence on Display)
- Present posters at Western Institute of Nursing Conference
- Support St. Pat’s Evidence on Display Poster Display
- Support Site Visit for Magnet Recognition

GREEN 4 GOOD (G4G)

G4G has been in place at St. Patrick since 2007. In 2018, a clinically focused Shared Governance Council was formed. Co-chaired by Sarah Johnson, 4S and Beth Schenk, nurse scientist, the council got off to an ambitious start.

- The council quickly identified several key focus areas for their work.
- Waste reduction and segregation
- Paper reduction
- Climate change education
- A pilot to eliminate or reduce use of disposable plastic spoons
- Linen reduction
- Communication

Sarah Johnson and Caroline Deacy have launched a study to measure the Effects of a Linen Protocol on Linen Use Rates

Sarah Johnson, 4 south staff, and Food and Nutrition are piloting a method to replace plastic spoons with washable reusable metal spoons on nursing units.

The communications focus has resulted in improved unit dashboards, huddle messages, screen saver notes and a more focused monthly newsletter.
**MUSIC IN SURGICAL RECOVERY**


**Lisa Shaurette RN AS-N Jenna Hendrickson BSN, RN, CAPA**

**BACKGROUND**
- Does Music in the Immediate Post-Operative Phase Offer Non-Pharmacological Benefits in Easing Pain and Anxiety?
- Literature from 4 different countries with varying styles of music administration.

**METHODS**
- Quantitative study with quasi-experimental design.
- Participants: Adults between ages 18 and 70.
- Intervention: Instrumental music provided in the PACU.

**RESULTS AND OUTCOMES**
- 67 patients agreed to participate in the survey.
- 57% of patients said they could not remember hearing the music.
- 53% of patients reported that the music helped reduce their anxiety after surgery.
- 53% of patients reported that they would use music again in future surgeries.

**DISCUSSION**
- Many patients had difficulty with either hearing or remembering the music in the PACU.
- Ambient music may be too diffuse for patients post operatively.
- History of the research studies included use of personal listening devices with pre-set choices in music.
- Using personal earphones and pre-loaded listening devices may be more appropriate in the hectic PACU.
- Staff enjoyment of the music was an unintended consequence of the project, and maybe worth exploring.

**IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE**
- Patients exposed to ambient music during the recovery phase in PACU reported that music helped decrease anxiety, was beneficial to recovery, and that they would like to use music if they needed surgery in the future.

**REFERENCES**
- Southern Medical Association

The majority of patients asked reported lower anxiety with the use of music after C-section, and felt the music was beneficial to their recovery.
COMMUNICATION IN TRAUMA CARE

TRAUMA PAUSE - EBP GROUP PROJECT

Melissa Leighly BSN, RN, CEN; Carol Reed BSN, RN, CCRN;
Lance Somerfield BSN, RN, CEN; Dawn Rohrbach BSN, RN, CCRN-K.

Purpose
- Enhance nursing knowledge of evidence-based practice model via collaboration between hospital units.
- Does a hands-off pause for EMS report during patient arrival improve trauma team efficiency?

Background
- Current approach to St. Patrick Hospital trauma patient arrivals vary in routine, accuracy, and organization, putting patients at risk and resulting in time being lost.

Goals
- Adhere to St. Patrick Hospital trauma team protocol for standardized assembly
- Improve efficiency & accuracy of trauma patient care
- Improve staff satisfaction with trauma team resuscitation

Assessment
- Literature review of emergency medical journals raised concerns about handovers
- Only 72.9% of key prehospital data was documented by a receiving level 1 academic trauma team.
- Poor handover more likely if staff attends to other tasks.
- "Inattention" cited as the primary cause of poor handover
- The Joint Commission reported communication failures resulted in $1.7 billion in malpractice costs over 5 years

Intervention
- Policy revision to include "Hands Off, Eyes On" pause for 30-60 seconds for EMS report

Evaluation

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Unit A Average Score: 3.21
Unit B Average Score: 2.87

Next Steps
- Compliance to the Pause
- Physician, surgeon presence on arrival
- Mock trauma scenarios quarterly
- Orienting new hires for sustainability

COMMUNICATION IN TRAUMA CARE

After instituting a 30-60 second pause during which ED staff listened to Pre-hospital report, staff saw shorter ED length of stay, and reported satisfaction among clinicians.

AROMATHERAPY FOR MENTAL CLARITY

Sarah Furtney-Cardy BSN, RN, OCN; Erica Harapat BSN, RN, CNML

Feeling Mental Exhaustion & Burnout? Sniff some Aromatherapy Oils!
Adoption of Use of Aromatherapy to Assist in Reduction of Feelings of Mental Exhaustion and Burnout in Bedside Caregivers in Medical Oncology and Cardiac Respiratory Units

BACKGROUND
- Nurse satisfaction scores indicated higher stress levels at work compared to national average
- Lit review suggests essential oils may decrease anxiety, improve mood and feelings of alertness

PURPOSE
- Adopt practice of using aromatherapy to decrease mental fatigue and burnout among staff
- Measure effect of aromatherapy oil on decreasing mental fatigue and burnout

METHODS
- 64 Clinical nurses, assistants on 2 med-surg units volunteered to participate
- Each answered a 0-10 item scale 3x per shift for 3 weeks total
- Week 2 – participants sniffed essential oils a minimum of 3x/shift

RESULTS

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Participants reported sustained lower scores of anxiety and burnout across the shift during week 2 (aromatherapy) week on both test units

CONCLUSIONS
- Survey results indicate that use of aromatherapy oils is associated with a decrease in reported mental fatigue and burnout
- Data suggests certain oils were more effective than others

IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE/ FURTHER RESEARCH
- Using oils for staff may be effective to reduce stress, with no identified risks and minimal cost
- Further study:
  - Compare effectiveness of different oils, using control groups
  - Study impacts over a longer period of time

REFERENCES

The use of several aromatherapy scents among staff demonstrated lower anxiety and burnout scores during the testing period.
Awards & Recognition

We recognize and celebrate our nursing caregivers and leaders throughout the year.

- **QUALITY AWARD** was awarded seven times in 2018 to individuals or departments who are identified as high performers in nursing quality.

- **INNOVATION AWARD** is a quarterly award and is bestowed upon a person, group, or department that has an especially effective idea that changes structures, processes or outcomes in our care delivery.

- **DAISY FOUNDATION AWARD** is a quarterly award that goes to a clinical nurse honoree who personifies our remarkable patient experience. Nominations come from patients, families and visitors.

- **DAISY FOUNDATION NURSE LEADER AWARD** is a biannual award that goes to a nurse leader who role models extraordinary behavior, creates an environment of trust, compassion & mutual respect, and promotes & enhances the image of nursing.

- **SPIRIT OF NURSING AWARD** is our annual award to the Nurse that embodies our vision to answer the call of every person we serve: Know me, care for me, easy my way. Nominations come from fellow staff.

- **HEALTHCARE ASSISTANT (HCA) CARE GIVER AWARD** is our other annual award that goes to non-licensed staff that embodies our vision to answer the call of every person we serve: Know me, care for me, easy my way. Nominations come from fellow staff.
QUALITY AWARD

FEB  INFECTION PREVENTION
Infection Prevention for work done to decrease foley cath utilization

MAR  KATIE TROTTIER, BSN, RN, CPAN
Developed and educated to purposeful rounding in Day Surgery

MAY  5NORTH – MEDICAL ONCOLOGY
Continued efforts to reduce the transmission of HAI

JULY  NEUROBEHAVIORAL MEDICINE
100% compliance by nurses for tobacco use screen, cessation counseling, and Quitline referrals.

AUG  ICU
Improvement in “instructions given in how to care for yourself at home” patient satisfactions cores

SEPT  4SOUTH – ORTHO NEURO
Sustained improvement in patient satisfaction scores for “instructions given in how to care for yourself at home” and “promptness in response to call bell”

NOV  ICU
Improvements in processes and use of technology to decrease patient falls

INNOVATION AWARDS

Q1  5SOUTH – SURGICAL/PEDS
Development/implementation of a Surgical home pathway

Q2  CORE FUNDAMENTALS (AS IMPLEMENTED BY SPH EDUCATORS)
Curriculum to provide a supportive cohort for Nurse Residents during their first year

Q3  INPATIENT VALUE STREAM & DIABETES SUB-COMMITTEE
Development/implementation of processes to improve inpatient’s glucose levels

Q4  REHABILITATION DEPT. & ORTHO VALUE STREAM
“Walker Closet” – to have walkers available to patients at discharge
Recently there was a tragic event that impacted the inter-disciplinary team in the Emergency Department. Throughout this difficult time Lance modeled strong leadership and worked to support his team in any way possible. Not only does he exemplify the traits of a Daisy Leader but he also lives the Mission of Providence by knowing his staff, caring for them, and looking to ease their way. Watching him lead his team through this not only makes me proud to work with him but also provides an example of what a strong, compassionate and excellent leader is.

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DAISY AWARDS

Q1 4SOUTH
Taylor Gress, BSN, RN

Q2 5SOUTH
Krista Clark, BSN, RN, CMSRN

Q3 5NORTH
Caroline Deacy, BSN, RN

Q4 ICU
Elliette Godecke, ADN, RN

DAISY NURSE LEADER AWARDS

JUL FIRST STEP
Mary Pat Hansen, MSN, RN, SANE-A

NOV EMERGENCY DEPT.
Lance Somerfeld, BSN, RN, CEN

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SPIRIT OF NURSING AWARD

OUR 2018 SPIRIT OF NURSING RECIPIENT WAS
ELIZABETH EVANGEL, BSN, RN Here are some comments that garnered her the award:

“Elizabeth truly loves the unlovable. Elizabeth cares for all her patients with great compassion. Even with the most difficult patients Elizabeth goes the extra mile to ensure they are comfortable and heard. Inmate, homeless or President of the United States, each individual she dares for receive her kindness, compassion and respect. “

“Elizabeth honors the heritage of the hospital by "loving the unlovable" and making them feel welcome and wanted. She reaches out to patients and finds common ground and is able to connect with them. She also is able to reach out to the community by sharing stories of her personal struggles/accomplishments and is able to ease patient’s suffering.”

HCA CARE GIVER AWARD

HANNA FUNKE, 4SOUTH, CNA WAS AWARDED THE 2018 HCA CARE GIVER AWARD. These are some comments that led to this award:

“Hannah honors our heritage and lives the mission that the Sisters of Providence carried with them when they came West. Hannah, cares for each and every with the same level of care and respect. She takes the time to make sure our vulnerable patients have what they need to make their night more comfortable. She "eases their way" through the "little things" and I have never seen her balk at an unpleasant situation. She is calm, patient, and makes each patient feel like they are the only one she is caring for. While doing this, she embraces new knowledge. Rather than just going through the motions, she takes the time to ask intelligent and thoughtful questions. To learn the "why" behind the plan of care. Her depth of knowledge continues to grow and is mirrored in her level of care. She is detail oriented, despite the potential for compassion fatigue and generalized fatigue, she continues to perform at standard of excellence that the Sisters of Providence would be proud of.”
On October 18, 2018, the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) recognized Providence St. Patrick Hospital for the second time as a Magnet® hospital – the most prestigious designation honoring nursing services.

St. Patrick Hospital continues to be among the elite ranks of nearly 490 hospitals in the world to have achieved Magnet® designation. The four-year designation recognizes health care organizations for quality patient care, nursing excellence and innovations in the nursing practice.

For our nurses, Magnet designation is an external validation of our internal culture of excellence. Our focus is to continually create and sustain a nursing professional practice culture that has the best patient outcomes and the best work environment.

For patients and consumers, having a Magnet-designated hospital nearby means that when care is needed, they can expect a safe and quality experience every time. Consumers have come to rely on Magnet® designation as the ultimate credential for high quality nursing, according to ANCC.

Receiving the Magnet® designation truly exemplifies the ‘gold standard’ of nursing care. This designation shines a well-deserved spotlight on our dedicated nursing team – the individuals at the forefront of care delivery. Just as the program name implies, a Magnet-designated hospital is recognized for its “magnetic” nursing environment where nurses and clinical staff work collaboratively within a positive culture that supports new ideas and evidence-based work practices.

It takes everyone in our organization -- nurses and our colleagues-- to achieve Magnet® designation. We are so proud of St. Patrick Hospital for earning our second Magnet® designation.
St. Patrick Hospital (SPH) earned a 5-Star overall rating of care for clinical quality through CMS Hospital Compare in both the first and second halves of 2018. The 5-Star rating represents top performance in the seven categories: mortality, safety of care, readmission, patient experience, effectiveness of care, timeliness of care, and efficient use of medical imaging. Less than 7.5% of hospitals nationwide currently earn a 5-Star rating, and SPH is one of only two such hospitals in Montana for this reporting period.

The 5-Star ratings represent commitment by our providers and all caregivers to ensuring the best possible care for our patients. Learn more about these ratings at the www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/search

For the 5th consecutive reporting period, St. Patrick Hospital received an “A” for patient safety from Leapfrog’s Hospital Safety Grade for its commitment to reducing errors, infections and accidents that can harm patients. SPH was one of only 832 hospitals nationwide, and one of only three Montana hospitals, to earn an “A” grade in 2018.

Grades are assigned using 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data. According to Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group, “Hospitals that earn top marks nationally in the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade have achieved the highest safety standards in the country.” Access the grade at www.hospitalsafetygrade.

Beth Schenk, PhD, MHI, RN-BC, FAAN was inducted as a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in November 2018. Beth serves as Nurse Scientist and Sustainability Coordinator at St. Patrick and across our health system. She was nominated for fellowship based on her pioneering work to reduce healthcare-generated pollution, which she has pursued for almost 30 years.

From the Academy:

“The Academy is currently comprised of more than 2,500 nurse leaders in education, management, practice, policy, and research. Academy fellows include hospital and government administrators, college deans, and renowned scientific researchers. The Academy fellows, with the addition of this newest class, represent all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 29 countries.

Fellow selection criteria include evidence of significant contributions to nursing and health care, and sponsorship by two current Academy fellows. Applicants are reviewed by a panel comprised of elected and appointed fellows, and selection is based, in part, on the extent the nominee’s nursing career has influenced health policies and the health and wellbeing of all.”

At the time of Beth’s induction, there were 8 Fellows in Montana, and 3 in Providence St. Joseph Health.

Congratulations to Beth for this important national recognition!

Providence St. Patrick Hospital received a “high performing” ranking from the U.S. News and World Report best hospital rankings for 2018. Scores are factor based such as survival, patient safety, and nurse staffing. Hospitals are ranked nationally in specialties from cancer to urology and rated in common procedures and conditions.

- High Performing Adult Specialty: Pulmonology
- High Performing in 3 Adult Procedures/Conditions:
  - Aortic Valve Surgery
  - Hip Replacement
  - Knee Replacement

Magnifying Nursing Excellence!
In 2018, SPH Inpatient Units continued to improve nursing satisfaction scores, outperforming or equaling our high performance in 4 out of 5 categories compared to 2017.

SPH units outperformed the national mean in all five categories of nursing related patient satisfaction scores in 2018.
INFECTION PREVENTION

In 2018 SPH continued to participate in Providence System Collaborative Learning and Improvement Communities (CLIC) for CA-UTI, CLA-BSI and CDI.

Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection

In 2018, SPH implemented Purewick, the new urinary management device (non-invasive female urinary collection device), with the goal of reducing indwelling urinary catheter days for female patients without retention. Purewick was well received by patients and nursing. Improvements to the intermittent catheter protocol, alternative product algorithm and updates to the nurse-driven removal protocol are under development for 2019 implementation.

We met system target (< 0.889) for CA-UTI SIR of 0.87. This represents four hospital onset CA-UTI’s in 2018.

Inpatient Nursing Units CLA-BSI SIR

Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infection

Work included education related to CHG bathing for all ICU patients with the goal of reducing risk for CLA-BSI and other HAIs. CHG Bio-Patch was replaced with Medline Aegis CHG-impregnated foam disc. This initiative was undertaken to reduce supply cost while reducing CLA-BSI risk for patients.

SPH met system target (< 0.696) with an SIR of 0.26 This represent one CLA-BSI in 2018.

Clostridium Difficile Infection

During 2018, SPH’s main focus was on implementation of a two-step testing methodology for CDI. The new test identifies CDI infection vs. colonization. Epic updates were implemented with the infection flag carrying over upon readmission within 90 days for a CDI positive patients so contact enteric precautions can be maintained if needed.

System target was < 0.856. SPH CDI SIR achieved was 0.4 for 2018. This represents 7 patients with hospital onset CDI during 2018 compared with 12 patient in 2017. This a 12% reduction from the previous year.

Hospital Onset CDI SIR

EIA Testing
EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

SPH recognized that certification and the advancement of education are fundamental components of our goal to create a culture that inspires nurse’s best work.

We support this goal by providing:

- A higher wage to certified nurses
- Up to 20 CEUs for every nurse every year
- Certification study materials available in The Learning Center
- Tuition assistance
- Professional funds through our Foundation
- A personal thank you note to each certified nurse from the CNO
- RN-BSN completion program at the University of Providence

2018 Clinical Nurse Education Levels

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Percentage of RNs with National Certification

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CLINICAL ACADEMY

PRECEPTOR
- 120 attended class in 2018
- Next class is January 17 with only 8 registered; 2 more classes scheduled in 2019 (June and November)
- New curriculum began in September 2018, based on Married State Preceptor Model
  - Pre-learnings (via HealthStream) are essential as class is activity-based with minimal lecture
  - Opportunity for Preceptor “Lunch and Learns” in 2019 utilizing activities from class

CORE FUNDAMENTALS
- 24 residents graduated from CF in 2018
- EBP assignment in class 4 includes choice of 3 EPB projects (Evidence on the Fly, PICOT question & Literature Review, or Dissemination of Evidence) and report out at graduation (save the date for 3/20, 7/31, and 12/12!)
- CF to undergo curriculum changes in 2018; may reduce from 8 to 6 classes
  - Continue to be based on QSEN competencies (Patient Centered Care, Teamwork & Collaboration, EBP, Quality; Safety, Informatics)
- Surveyed managers and residents regarding scheduling of CF classes
  - Based on feedback, 2019 CF classes are scheduled midweek (Tues, Wed or Thurs); most are scheduled for 1230-1630

MED SURG TRANSITION IN PRACTICE
(for all Med/Surg nurse residents/fellows)
- 27 residents/fellows graduated from MS TIP in 2018
- MS TIP changing in 2018 to be more consistent with the structure of other specialty curricula and also based on resident/fellow feedback
  - Approx 50% of the curriculum will be online format (Mosby’s Med/Surg Nursing Orientation)
  - Less classroom time; class time will be more activity-based versus lecture
- Survey of residents/fellows regarding scheduling of MS TIP classes
  - Large majority of residents/fellows prefer classes to be on day shift
  - Tele portion of class (classes 1 & 2) will now be only for 4N
  - ICU residents attend some MS TIP classes to avoid duplication with the Critical Care curriculum

ORTHO/NEURO TRANSITION IN PRACTICE
(for 4S nurse residents/fellows)
- New in 2018; one-day class offered three sessions in 2018; includes lecture+ simulation
- 16 nurses participated in 2018; this includes residents, fellows and a few other 4S nurses
- Will continue in 2019, offering sessions as needed
CAREGIVERS ASCEND HIGHER

We applaud the caregivers that elevated their practice by pursuing the next level of education.

St. Patrick Hospital supports higher education by offering tuition assistance and reduced tuition at the University of Providence in Great Falls.

ONCOLOGY CLASS (for SN nurse residents/fellows)
- New in 2018 using portions of the CA curriculum to create our own Oncology Class; online +lecture+ simulation.
- 10 participants in the Oncology Class (including residents, fellows and a few other SN/Cancer Center nurses)
- Will continue this in 2019, offering sessions as needed

Critical Care, ED, Periop, NICU, Perinatal curricula are also active on an as-needed basis. FMC Participated in Critical Care curriculum by educating SJMC nurses to perinatal curriculum. With all CA classes, learners submit feedback through evaluations; we have made several improvements based on learner feedback!

TELE TIP (for 4N nurse residents/fellows)
- Previously had combined MS and TELE; now offering Tele as a separate curriculum
- Class condensed from two days to one day by removing online modules and having residents/fellows complete those prior to class; the first offering of the class with this new structure will be Jan 16
- Will continue in 2019, offering sessions as needed

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*Remember: Providence received PTAP (Practice Transition Accreditation Program) designation with distinction in 2018!*
Quality c.diff work 2018

In 2018, SPH nurses, SPH Infection Prevention and Process Improvement continued to work collaboratively to reduce our Standardized Infection Ration (SIR) for Clostridium Difficile. We outperformed the System Target of 0.856 in all 4 quarters.

In 2018, SPH outperformed the Standardized Utilization Ratio (SUR) for Central Lines in all four quarters.
**High Points of 2018**

**NURSING JOURNAL CLUB**

Nursing Journal Club is where nurses share the latest nursing research and knowledge with co-workers/peers. Members of all shared governance and unit based councils are assigned a month to present.

Here are the our presenters and topics in 2018:

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<td>FEBRUARY</td>
<td>Kelsey Auge, BSN, RN, CMSRN Rosemary Graham, MS, RD, CNSC Erica Ihde, BSN, RN, CMSRN Sara Keller, BSN, RN CMSRN Holly Little, RN, CMSRN Sara Orton, BSN, RN Representing 5South Unit Based Council (UBC)</td>
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<td>Wendy Harmsworth, PhD, BSN, RN-BC Cassie Moran, BSN, RN Representing NBMI UBC</td>
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<td>Sara Blackwell, BSN, RN, CCRN Amanda Lindstrom, BSN, RN, CCRN Lauren Swanson, BSN, RN, CPCN Representing ICU Unit Based Council (UBC)</td>
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<td>SEPTEMBER</td>
<td>Angela Gottwig, RN Janet “Jake” Jacobson-Glassy, BSN, RN, CVRN Representing IHI UBC</td>
<td>Telephone Follow-Up for MI Patients</td>
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<td>OCTOBER</td>
<td>Meg Irvine, BSN, RNC-OB Leah Leitch, BSN, RNC-OB Representing FMC UBC</td>
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<td>Wendy Harmsworth, PhD, BSN, RN-BC Sarah Johnson, BA, RN-BC Representing Green 4 Good Council</td>
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ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES

We recognized and celebrated our nurse caregivers, marking their years of service, on March 17 at the Annual Service Awards Banquet. Of special note we had two nurses celebrating 40 years of service with Providence.

40 YEARS
Donna Boyer
Deborah Hays

35 YEARS
Julie Pennewill
Laura Remington
Phyllis Gagner

30 YEARS
Richard Miller
Larry Peterman
Beverly Williams
Teri Zaharko

25 YEARS
Virginia Carroll
Dena Fogel
Leann Gooley
Cherryol Kessler
Sarah Nurse
Sandra Oostdyk
Tamara Powers
Tamera Reis
Dawn Rohrbach
Peggy Scharberg-Chaffin
Elizabeth Schenk
Juli Yobst

20 YEARS
Terri Binder
Gretchen Packard
Dawn Smith

15 YEARS
Kelsey Auge
Meagan Barnett
Karol Cady
Shane Cole
Michelle Cole
Sara Keller
Nicole Marks
Ronda Melton
Harriet Mentzer
Kara Monaco
Leanna Ross
Jennifer Simon
Connie Suarez-Hickey
Heidi Swanson
Lisa Walden
Scott Willis
Darin Wines

10 YEARS
Carolyn Bellamah
Julie Cahoone
Shannon Doherty
Stephanie Dotson
Jennifer Durilla
Kyle Evans
Rosalind Giffin
Michael Kohler
Linda Longacre
Rachel Madsen
Tina Malloy
Christine Morman
Heather Salois
Molly Seitz
Janice Sellers
Brenda Sorrell
Mara Veale
Erin Ward-Barney
Danelle Whalen
Anne Wright
Amy Wright
Leslie Zahn

5 YEARS
Sarah Allegrucci
Tina Barker
Shawna Barrett
Lisa Bennett
Zachary Bridges
Skylar Brown
Bonnie Corbin
Jeremy Crooks
Bethany Eldridge
Marcus Granger
Dawn Hammermeister
Wendy Harmsworth
Tracy Hartzell
Melanie Hayes
Sasha Heaney
Megan Hensley
Stephanie Hewitt
Kelly Hiday
Maureen Hoffmann
Amanda Holloron
Debora Hunter
Jessica James
Lizette Johnson
Virginia Kosman
Alla Lemeza
Jenny Lorenzo
Katy Lovelace
Kristin Lowery
Elizabeth Lynn
Amber Mading
Alissa Monaco
Deanna Montgomery
Sarah Morigeau
Shena Oneill
Maria Panique
Lynn Pauly
Kristy Pelletier
Grace Perry
Susan Rothermel
Kristin Scarborough
Mandee Shaffer
Abby Stensland
Melissa Turk
Heidi Waits
Mary Wickes
Amy Williams
Alan Wyland
USING EVIDENCE: MUSIC THERAPY IN POST-OPERATIVE PATIENTS

Lisa Shaurette, RN and Jenna Hendrickson, BSN, RN from PACU collaborated together on an Evidence Based Project that focused on music in the immediate post-operative phase and if it offers patients non-pharmacological benefits in easing pain and anxiety. A literature review was performed and results from various studies found evidence to support providing music to patients in the immediate Post-Operative period. The studies found an increase in patient satisfaction and a decrease in patient reported anxiety.

The PACU music therapy method was a quantitative study with quasi-experimental design. Music in the PACU was implemented by utilizing overhead ambient instrumental music. The music trial included all patients in PACU for 6 weeks, but only adults and outpatient procedure patients were asked to fill out a post op survey. The results of the trial included a total of 67 patients who agreed to take a post op survey. Of the 67 total patients, 57% of patients reported they did not remember hearing music, 31% of patients reported that the music helped reduce their anxiety after surgery, 33% of patients felt music was beneficial to their recovery process, and 67% of patients reported that they would use music again in future surgeries. Two patients specifically reported their positive satisfaction with music in the PACU on a Press Ganey Survey. PACU and ancillary caregivers reported an increase in work satisfaction during the music trial, which was an unintended positive consequence of the project.
Looking Ahead

WHAT IS OUR FOCUS IN NURSING FOR 2019?

The Caring Reliably Quality and Safety Framework, in addition to our strategic plan, helps to guide our work in 2019. A few areas of focus from our Strategic Plan include:

- Create a work experience and culture that attracts, retains, inspires and develops caregivers
- Provide high quality care: Reduction of sepsis mortality, HAI's, readmissions, falls with injury
- Continuation of the journey towards a highly reliable organization and reduction in patient harm
- Enhance nurse participation in nursing practice decision making through shared governance
- Improve health outcomes for mothers and babies
- Improve response to the mental health urgent and emergent demands in our community
- Nurses leverage technology to optimize safer and effective care and to improve communication and education with patients, providers and other members of the healthcare team
- Effective workforce planning and develop to meet future needs
- Collaboration with our community partners to improve the health of our community

These initiatives help to define our individual contribution to new and improved ways of care delivery and link our work to the strategic plan. Each one of us plays a part in the forward movement and sustainability of St. Patrick Hospital.
About Us

Providence St. Patrick Hospital is the oldest, operating ministry founded by the Sisters of Providence that is currently in existence today. Begun in 1873 in response to a need to care for the poor of Missoula County it began in an abandoned building on the banks of the Clark Fork River with the ingenuity and determination of three Sisters of Providence. Today, the hospital (still located on the same site) continues to reach out to meet the needs of the community, with a special intention of serving the poor and vulnerable. St. Patrick Hospital is a 253 licensed bed ministry serving western Montana and beyond. We are a Magnet-designated ministry, a Level II Trauma Center, and an Accredited Stroke Center.

St. Patrick Hospital provides superior care, expressed through our Mission of revealing God's love to all. Our services include cardiology and cardiothoracic surgery, trauma and emergency services, neurobehavioral medicine, neurology and neurosurgery, oncology, orthopedics, general surgery, weight loss and bariatric surgery. The hospital also offers wellness programs such as diabetes, wound care, and comprehensive laboratory and diagnostic imaging services.

Our Core Values of Compassion, Dignity, Justice, Excellence, and Integrity guide the work of our caregivers.

Our nurses live the practice model and care delivery model that they designed.

St. Patrick Hospital has been an ANCC Magnet® Recognized Hospital since 2013.

Scan to visit us online!