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ANA Awards Hospitals for Outstanding Nursing Quality Based on Patient Outcomes
Top-ranking Obama Administration RN Highlights Nurses' Impact
On National Health Issues at NDNQI® Data Use Conference

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA), the largest nursing organization in the U.S., is recognizing six hospitals that participate in ANA's National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators® (NDNQI®), the nation's most comprehensive database of nursing-care outcomes measures, for consistently yielding outstanding patient outcomes that are tied directly to the high quality of nursing care at each facility.

The award-winning hospitals are among the more than 1,500 hospitals – one in every four nationwide –that participate in ANA's unique NDNQI database that allows individual nursing units to compare their performance to similar units at other hospitals regionally, statewide, and nationwide.

Honored at the 4th Annual NDNQI Data Use Conference in New Orleans attended by nearly 1,000 nursing and health care quality leaders, the award-winners demonstrated superior patient outcomes and high nurse job satisfaction on the 18 nursing-sensitive performance indicators tracked by NDNQI, such as hospital-acquired pressure ulcers, patient falls with injury, infections acquired as a result of hospitalization and nurse turnover. The winners are as follows:

- The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD – Academic Medical Center
- Poudre Valley Hospital, Fort Collins, CO – Teaching Hospital (3-time winner)
- Columbus Regional Hospital, Columbus, IN – Community Hospital
- Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis, IN – Pediatric Hospital
- MossRehab, Elkins Park, PA – Rehabilitation Hospital
- Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic of UPMC, Pittsburgh, PA – Psychiatric Hospital

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“These hospitals exemplify the commitment, leadership, data analysis and efficient use of resources that are needed by nursing executives and bedside nurses to produce the best possible patient outcomes,” said ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. “The NDNQI program is all about using evidence from the reporting of outcomes to improve nursing care practices, staffing and systems for care delivery.”

Mary Wakefield, PhD, RN, Health Resources and Services Administration director and the top appointed nurse in the Obama Administration, told the gathering of hospital nursing administrators, staff nurses and quality specialists about the impact she envisions registered nurses having as the nation’s health care system undergoes change.

“Collecting health care data is vital to our mutual efforts to improve clinical performance and raise patient outcomes,” Wakefield said. “It is wonderful to be a part of this event to hear first-hand how nurses across the country are using data to improve quality and patient outcomes.”

NDNQI’s principal investigator Nancy Dunton, PhD, University of Kansas School of Nursing research professor, reported that NDNQI-participating hospitals have shown significant improvement over the last three years on several key nursing quality indicators:

- Median hospital-acquired pressure ulcer rates on critical care units declined by 40 percent to 5 percent (half the hospitals had rates of 5 percent or less).
- Median injury fall rates on rehabilitation units declined by 18 percent to just less than 1 fall per 1,000 patient hospitalization days (half the hospitals had less than 1 fall).

NDNQI was established in 1998 as part of ANA’s National Center for Nursing Quality® (NCNQ®) measurement services. In any given quarter, more than 12,000 nursing units are reporting performance data. This data can be used to determine links between patient outcomes and nurse staffing levels and skill mix, leading to more effective staffing plans. NDNQI also measures nurse satisfaction with their job and practice environment through surveys. NDNQI is managed by the University of Kansas School of Nursing under contract to ANA.

For more information on NDNQI and other ANA quality-related programs, please visit:

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