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Riley Hospital earns national award for outstanding nursing quality

INDIANAPOLIS – The American Nurses Association (ANA) today honored Riley Hospital for Children with a national award for outstanding nursing quality -- the 2009 National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators (NDNQI) Award for Outstanding Nursing Quality in the pediatric hospital category. The award was presented this morning at an ANA conference in New Orleans.

The award recognizes Riley for consistently yielding outstanding patient outcomes that are tied directly to the high quality of nursing care at the hospital, according to the ANA. Riley demonstrated superior patient outcomes and high nurse job satisfaction on 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.

Riley, like other Clarian Health hospitals, uses NDNQI – the ANA’s unique database – to collect and compare nursing quality data to similar units at other hospitals regionally, statewide and nationally. NDNQI data helps Riley continually make strategic improvements in nursing care, patient outcomes and patient safety.

“Riley Hospital for Children exemplifies 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. “The NDNQI program is all about using evidence from the reporting of outcomes to improve nursing care practices, staffing and systems for care delivery, and Riley Hospital for Children has achieved that at a high level.”

Riley Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer Marilyn Cox was in New Orleans today to accept the award at the 4th Annual NDNQI Data Use Conference. “This demonstrates what being a Magnet hospital is all about – creating and sustaining a work environment that supports professional nurses doing their absolute best for patients,” Cox said.

Clarian Health Executive Vice President and Chief Nurse Executive Linda Q. Everett added: “This is well-deserved recognition for Riley’s excellent nursing staff and leadership; the award is visible evidence of the excellent practice environment at the hospital.”

Riley’s award is one of six given annually by the ANA to hospitals in different categories: pediatric hospital, academic medical center, teaching hospital, community hospital, rehabilitation hospital and psychiatric hospital.

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About Riley Hospital for Children As one of the nation’s leading pediatric hospitals and Indiana’s first and only comprehensive hospital dedicated exclusively to the care of children, Riley Hospital for Children, a part of Clarian Health, has provided compassionate care, support and comfort to children and their families for 85 years. Each year, Riley Hospital and Riley Hospital at Clarian North serve over 215,000 inpatients and outpatients from across Indiana, the nation and the world. Riley Hospital’s partnership with Clarian Health, and its strong affiliation with the Indiana University School of Medicine, makes it the only comprehensive clinical resource for Indiana’s children and the premiere source for health-related information for their parents. From simple care associated with the health and wellness of children and less complex specialty care to the most critically-ill and medically complex cases, Riley Hospital for Children is a national leader. Clarian Health operates the Methodist Hospital, Indiana University Hospital and Riley Hospital for Children campuses as a single hospital under Indiana law. Visit www.rileyhospital.org for more information.

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