

Newman Memorial Honors Nurses During National Nurses Week

Every year, National Nurses Week focuses attention on the diverse ways America's 3.1 million nurses work to save lives and to improve the health of millions of individuals. The American Nurses Association has designated 2017 as the "Year of the Healthy Nurse." In honor of the dedication, commitment, and tireless efforts of our nurses nationwide to promote and maintain the health of this nation, Newman Memorial joins with communities and healthcare organizations around the country to recognize and extend our thanks to this wonderful group. This year's theme is "Nursing: the Balance of Mind, Body, and Spirit." It's all about celebrating our nurses who lead the charge for health and wellness and encouraging them to remember to take care of themselves as well as others.

Annually, National Nurses Week begins on May 6, marked as RN Recognition Day, and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession. During this week, nurses at Newman Memorial Hospital will be honored and recognized with heartfelt appreciation, attention, special goodies and gifts. This article is just one of the ways we are shining a spotlight on this outstanding group of employees.....the ones who are on the "front lines" of healthcare provision day in and day out.

In September of 2016, NMH completed a Community Health Needs Assessment which included a survey to be completed about services and experiences at NMH. According to the survey, Newman scored above the national average with a 90% patient satisfaction rate. The number one reason given was our staff. Nurses are the ones who begin patient assessments. They are the ones who listen to concerns with calming compassion and begin the process of gathering the information needed to treat each patient. We believe our nurses provide the highest level of quality care and deserve special recognition for their efforts in delivering compassionate care while embodying the principles of ethical practice.

So whether you work in the Emergency Department, ready to tackle anything that comes through the door or you are a nurse on the inpatient floor, helping patients heal and educating family members on how to help care for their loved ones once they are ready to leave or you work with parents and children, making sure they have access to healthy nutrition and immunizations....NMH thanks you and recognizes the decision you make every time you walk in the door to serve others with kindness, compassion and skill. Our appreciation is heartfelt. We couldn't do it without you. Happy National Nurses Week!