OR Increases Nurse Certification Rate for Better Patient Care

In 2015, the Bramhall OR met its goal of increasing the certification rate of nurses. In total, 24 nurses became Certified Perioperative Nurses in the Operating Room (CNOR). The department’s certification rate is now 72 percent.

To become a CNOR, a nurse must work full time in the OR for two years, then take an exam. To support this effort, the OR purchased study materials and organized test dates for staff. Amy Fournier, BSN, R.N., CNOR, CNIV, the OR’s Unit Based Educator, personally spoke to each new employee about the benefits of being certified, and nursing leaders have set an expectation that staff will achieve certification.

Nursing certification has many benefits, including patient safety and quality of care and requires continuing education to maintain certification. The OR’s goal for 2016 is to reach 80 percent certification.

“There are studies that suggest certified nurses provide care that leads to better outcomes for our patients,” says Kerry LePage, R.N., BSN, MBA, CNOR, OR Director. “It’s about furthering our practice, and holding ourselves to a higher standard.”

Leslie Thibault, R.N., CNOR, prepares a tourniquet machine in the OR.

People News

Heather D. Emery, M.D., has joined Maine Medical Partners - Portland Pediatrics. Dr. Emery received her medical degree from University Of Vermont College of Medicine and completed her residency at University of New Mexico. Most recently, she has been a physician at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Manchester and was a clinical instructor at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth.

In Dr. Emery’s free time, she enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband and young son.

Blood Drive at Bramhall

Monday, February 8
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Check in at the Dana Lobby. Walk-ins are welcome.
February Anniversaries

45 Years
Donna Richardson, Finance
Barbara Sevigny, Nursing

35 Years
Cheryl Wilbur, Health Information Management

30 Years
Katherine Jackson, Cardiology
Mary MacFadyen, SCU
Bonita Valls, Radiology

25 Years
Timothy Cline, Radiology
Stephanie Damboise, Information Services

20 Years
Tracey Beedle, BBCH
Richard Harris Jr, Building & Grounds
Priscilla Kennie, Nursing
Barbara Szatkowski, Cardiology

15 Years
Marianne Athanosios, R4
Jillian Barnes, Pharmacy
Holly Beaulieu, Neuro and Spine
Louise Bigelman, BBCH
Veronica Cormier, Oncology
Beth Coughlan, Brighton Medical Center
Dorian Glazier, OR
Anne Harrington, MMCRI
Kimberlee Illig, Cardiology
David Luttrell, Environmental Services
Kathy Maddin, Finance
Mary McDonald, Human Resources
Amy Ouellette, R7
Jeanne Patriquin, ED
Lyudmila Popova, Nutrition Services
Mary Sissay, Environmental Services

10 Years
Jeffrey Berman, BBCH
Marc Blais, Radiology
Kristen Cooper, OR
Rebecca Dionne, Dialysis
Lisa Dittrich, Heart Cath Lab
Kimberly Freeman, Security
Lesley Hanselman, R7
Melissa Heckman, PACU
Peter Hedstrom, BBCH
Ann Jeffery, Neuro and Spine
Michele Karolak, MMCRI
Heather McDougal, OR
William Newton, Westbrook Primary Care
Susanne Pearl, Oncology
Sonya Perkins, Gibson Pavilion
Bobbie-Jo Rand, Psychiatry
Edward Runyon, Environmental Services
Brenda Sloan, Oncology
Kimberly Susbury, BBCH
Cherie Thompson, Urology
Jessica Walton, Occupational Therapy
Mary Warming, Nutrition Services

5 Years
Jane Baxter, Brighton First Care
Linda Daniels, Radiology
Ashley DiPietro, Radiology
Sheryl Harmon, Information Services
Kjell Jansson, Cardiology
Caleb Lavoie, Information Services
Joan Morris, Urology
David Nadeau, Gibson Pavilion
Joann Pawlowski, Access Center
Jessica Rockwell, Endocrinology and Diabetes
Jane Sayer, Finance
Amy Stackhouse, OR
Kristen Tate, Anesthesia and Pain Management

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