



# Nurses Week is coming!



## SAVE THE DATE and join us in celebrating exceptional nursing at OHSU:

### Posters

#### Poster Workshops

Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> 2 – 4 pm, SJH 1324B

Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 – 9:30 am, MNP 4602

**Poster Submission Deadline** Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

**Poster Display** May 6 – 12, HRC and DCH 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Hallway

Celebrate your unit's research or quality initiatives! If you need help developing your poster, please attend one of our poster workshops.

### Nurse of the Year Nominations

**Nominations Open** February 1<sup>st</sup>

**Nominations Close** March 12<sup>th</sup>

You are encouraged to nominate outstanding performers for OHSU's 11 Nurse of the Year categories. Detailed information is requested; you may wish to work as a team to submit nominations. Nominations will be judged on how the nominee exemplifies the award criteria, influences outcomes, and exemplifies professional practice roles (leader, practitioner, scientist, and transferor of knowledge).

### Celebration Reception

May 8<sup>th</sup>, late afternoon (time TBA), DCH 11<sup>th</sup> floor

All OHSU nurses and friends are warmly encouraged to attend this reception celebrating Nurses Week and the exemplary practice of our 2012 OHSU Nurses of the Year.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Research Showcase

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 12 – 2 pm, UHS 8B60

Learn more about exciting nursing research at this event that highlights several OHSU studies.

[Nurses' Week Archives](#)

View past Nurse Week files including posters, event flyers and winners

[Magnet Moments](#)

Got a good story to tell about nursing excellence? Submit your story.

[Nurses Week Comments](#)

Share your feedback, suggestions, volunteering and nurses' week stories

## OHSU Nurses' Week 2012

### Innovation, Compassion, Excellence

# May 6 – 12, 2012



# 2012 NURSE OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

We encourage you to nominate an outstanding performer for one of the categories below. Only complete nominations will be accepted; a minimum of 3 examples of ways in which the nominee exemplifies the award category is required. Remember, people who may not know your nominee will be determining the award recipient; as much information as possible is needed to make an informed decision. You may wish to work in a group to craft the most complete nomination.

**We encourage you to carefully consider the following as you prepare your nomination:**

- How does the nominee exemplify the award category?
- How has he/she influenced outcomes?
- How has he/she demonstrated the roles of Leader, Practitioner, Scientist, and Transferor of Knowledge, as described in our professional practice model?
- Are the examples in my nomination compelling? What is unique about the nominee?

2011 Awardees are not eligible for 2012 awards, but may be nominated.

## Award Categories – to nominate, click on the category title:

### Advancing and Leading the Profession

A nurse who leads, advances, and/or strengthens nursing, either as a profession or in the delivery of patient care both within and beyond OHSU. In role-based practice, this nurse is a scientist who monitors and evaluates standards, measures expertise and practice excellence and links professional role with outcomes.

### Advanced Practice Nurse

A role-based advanced practice nurse (CNS, NP, Midwife or RN Anesthetist) who exhibits excellence in providing care. Leads and guides practice in the advanced practice role.

### Ancillary Staff (within Nursing Services)

Any CNA, CMA, LPN, HUC, EMT, Tech (surgical, telemetry, mental health, etc) who supports nursing with excellence in patient care.

### Clinical Care

A nurse who demonstrates excellence as a practitioner of direct care delivery in any clinical setting. The practitioner directs and manages care in a therapeutic manner to inspire others to transform and transform practice.

### Community Service - may be a self nomination

A nurse who makes significant professional or voluntary contributions in community-based settings or community outreach efforts. Community service transfers knowledge in a manner that promotes dialogue, open communication and interdisciplinary relationships within the community setting.

### Management – A non-classified RN (manager, professional practice leader, director)

A nurse who demonstrates exceptional management of nursing or patient care services in any setting. Manages the role and the application to ensure practice standards are upheld and the environment is designed to support the professional role and nursing practice.

### Mentoring

A nurse who provides positive professional influence, guidance, and support of other nurses in any setting. Inspires others to transform service and care.

### Teaching

A nurse who contributes significantly in education, professional development, and/or long-term learning of nursing professionals. Teaches the role to help others learn practice.

### Nightingale Award

A role-based nurse who has been in practice < 18 months. Exemplifies outstanding and caring leadership and professionalism as a beginning practitioner.

### Distinguished Nurse Award

An expert role-based nurse who has been in practice > 15 years. Has taken the lead through innovative leadership, fostering involvement in the profession, or forming and engaging partnerships within the community.

### Virginia I. Szniewajs Award for Palliative Care

The Virginia I. Szniewajs Award was created by the Szniewajs family to recognize an RN staff member who consistently demonstrates excellence in supporting patients and their families through a life-threatening disease and the death of a patient. The award is to recognize their professional excellence and to support the staff member's continued professional development in the area of palliative nursing. The awardee is selected by the palliative care team in consultation with nursing managers. Recipients receive a \$1500 scholarship to further their palliative care education.

**What makes a “Nurse of the Year”?** Read the stories of last year's Nurses of the Year [here](#).

### The Award Process

- *Nominations will be judged on the following criteria:* exemplifies award characteristics ; influenced outcomes ; nomination is compelling ; exemplifies OHSU's professional practice model (leader, practitioner, scientist, and transferor of knowledge roles).
- Managers will confirm that nominees are nurses in good standing.
- Managers, PPLs, UBNPC chairs, and the nominee will be invited via email to provide additional information to support the nomination.

***Nominations will be reviewed and Nurse of the Year awards designated by the following groups:***

- Advanced Practice Nurse Council: Advanced Practice Nurse
- Magnet Champions: Ancillary Staff, Community Service
- Research Council: Advancing and Leading the Profession
- Palliative Care Department: Virginia I. Szniewajs Award
- Patient Care Executives: Management
- Practice Council: Clinical Care
- Professional Development Council: Mentoring, Teaching
- Quality and Safety Council/Quality Assembly: Distinguished Nurse, Nightingale