

Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence



Maureen O'Hara

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Marjorie Underwood from Infection Control submitted the following nomination...

When one of Maureen's staff sustained a needle stick injury related to a TB syringe, Maureen wanted to know why. She discovered that the TB syringes did not have a safety device to protect against needle stick injuries. She checked with other nursing units and found the same thing. She then identified several possible TB syringes with safety devices, consulted with Employee Health (who give a lot of TB tests) to determine which might be the best safety syringe to propose, and met with the Value Analysis Committee in March to request approval for a trial of a new safety TB syringe. Her request was approved. OHSU employees who provide TB tests owe Maureen thanks for caring enough to take the time to decrease the risk of accidental needle sticks and the associated risk of acquiring blood borne pathogens. Thank you Maureen!

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