

Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence



**Mara-Lisa Berebitsky, R.N.
1NW Psychiatric Crisis Unit**

James Markus from 1NW Psychiatric Crisis Unit submitted the following nomination...

On a recent Saturday, Mara-Lisa participated in a full code on the Psychiatric Crisis Unit, 1NW. The code was of a lengthy duration. After the affected patient was transferred to a medical unit, we were all emotionally and physically tired; codes are not a routine event on our unit. I am writing to commend Mara-Lisa not only for her performance during the code but also thereafter. We are a psychiatric unit, and our patients' sensitivity was increased by the heightened energy the code brought into the milieu. Mara-Lisa had the presence of mind to debrief our patients after the code. She then organized an activity wherein our patients could make cards for the affected patient if they so desired. Later in the shift Mara-Lisa took the time, during her dinner break, to visit the affected patient on the medical unit. Mara-Lisa's actions enhanced the meaning of the term "total care".



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