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Christiana Care Nurses Recognized for Excellence in Patient Care

(WILMINGTON, Del. – Nov. 13, 2014) – Three Christiana Care Health System nurses have been recognized with 2014 Delaware Excellence in Nursing Practice Awards from the Delaware Nurses Association in partnership with the Delaware Organization of Nurse Leaders.

The winners are:

- Donna Casey, MA, BSN, RN, FABC, NE-BC, vice president of Patient Care Services, Cardiovascular and Critical Care in the category of Executive Nurse Leader. (Far left in attached photo)
- Stephanie Santo, BSN, RN III, CCRN, of the Surgical Critical Care Complex at Christiana Hospital in the category of Clinical Nurse, Hospital-Based Critical Care. (Far right in attached photo.)
- Turquoise Abdullah, BS, BSN, RN, of the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit at Christiana Hospital in the category of New Nurse. (Center in attached photo.)

Selected by peer review, these nurses are among only nine winners statewide. These awards recognize nurses who consistently promote and excel in their profession, and bring a positive approach to their area of nursing practice.

Christiana Care is known nationally for nursing excellence, having earned the Magnet Designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center in 2010 – the highest distinction in nursing practice.

“Our nurses’ accomplishments represent the high standard of nursing excellence and leadership that makes Christiana Care Health System a Magnet organization,” said Diane P. Talarek, MA, RN, NE-BC, senior vice president of Patient Care Services and chief nursing officer.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care providers, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 12th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Thomas Jefferson Medical College, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's only Level I trauma center, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care also features a Level 3 neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers the highest level of non-surgical care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds, a home health care service, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services, a network of primary care physicians and an extensive range of outpatient services.

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