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Christiana Care Earns Prestigious Magnet[®] Health System Designation for Second Consecutive Time

Highest Honor in U.S. Nursing Practice Awarded to Only 7 Percent of Nation's Hospitals

(Wilmington, Del., July 27, 2015) — Christiana Care Health System has earned re-designation as a Magnet[®] organization for nursing excellence from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the pre-eminent recognition for hospital systems in the United States. Only 7 percent of the nation's hospitals hold the prestigious Magnet designation. Christiana Care was first in Delaware to achieve Magnet status in 2010, and is now first in the state to attain re-designation, demonstrating sustained excellence in nursing practice and adherence to national standards.

Several hundred Christiana Care nurses, other clinical and professional staff and leadership gathered on the health system's Christiana and Wilmington campuses today to hear the official news in a phone call from the ANCC.

“The achievement of Magnet re-designation is yet another indicator to the neighbors who daily put their trust in Christiana Care that Delaware's leading health system is recognized nationally among the best for clinical excellence and adherence to national standards,” said Janice E. Nevin, M.D., MPH, president and chief executive officer. “Our talented, dedicated and highly accomplished nursing team is truly deserving of this designation, which recognizes the excellent work they do every day as they partner with physicians and staff — and with our patients and their families — to provide respectful, innovative and expert care in The Christiana Care Way.”

Research shows clear benefits to communities served by Magnet hospitals, including improved quality and safety of patient care, greater patient and family satisfaction, and the recruitment and retention of top nursing talent. Magnet recognition is maintained for four years. During that period, the ANCC monitors facilities to ensure that high standards of care are sustained.

“Magnet re-designation is a true team accomplishment for Christiana Care and a national recognition of the partnerships among nurses, physicians and the entire health care team on behalf

of the neighbors we serve,” said Diane Talarek, MA, BSN, RN, NE-BC, senior vice president, Patient Care Services, and chief nursing officer. “This honor validates the tremendous professionalism demonstrated daily by Christiana Care’s nurses and provides independent evidence that we continue to raise the bar in nursing excellence for our community.”

Achieving and maintaining Magnet designation is a vigorous process. Applicants undergo a rigorous evaluation that includes extensive documentation and a multi-day site visit by Magnet nurse appraisers to review nursing services. Re-designation requires a unanimous vote by the appraisers.

“Magnet is an ongoing journey of excellence,” said Janet Cunningham, MHA, BSN, RN, NE-BC, CENP, vice president for Professional Excellence, associate chief nursing officer and Magnet Program director for Christiana Care’s re-designation process.

“Much more than an award on a shelf, Magnet is something our more than 2,500 professional nurses and nursing leaders demonstrate every day through their commitment to providing safe, quality care, as well as to advancing the profession through continuing education, preparing the next generation of novice nurses and serving in leadership roles in both professional and community organizations,” she said. “It is also a tremendous example of nurses partnering with physicians and staff from every service line throughout our health system to deliver value-driven care.”

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country’s largest health care systems, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 12th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. The health system includes The Christiana Care Medical Group, a network of primary care physicians, medical and surgical specialists as well as home health care, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services and patient/family advisors for core health care services. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care has an extensive range of outpatient services, and through Christiana Care Quality Partners, Christiana Care works closely with its medical staff to achieve better health, better access to care and lower cost. 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 III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers this highest level of care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds. For more information about Christiana Care, visit www.christianacare.org/whoweare.

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