

2020 Nursing Annual Report





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Letter from Angie Longing, CNO



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 will not be forgotten, particularly for those of us in healthcare. The global pandemic was unprecedented, and it presented Conway Regional Health System with unique challenges. It also presented our team with an opportunity to care for patients, the community, and for one another in an extraordinary way.

Conway Regional faced the historic pandemic head-on, running into the challenges that lie ahead. From the beginning, nurses were positioned and ready on the frontline to take care of those in need. Throughout the pandemic, our staff continued to answer the call to provide high-quality, compassion-ate healthcare, not only to those in our community, but to many in need from across the state of Arkansas.

Nursing's response to COVID-19 was swift, comprehensive, and selfless. Each

day, staff worked to learn new things or a new way to complete a once familiar task. Nurses pushed themselves to do things they did not know they could do. All of these professional changes were occurring simultaneously with school closures, virtual learning, canceled vacations, virtual church services, missed holiday celebrations, and much more. Yet, the team persevered and I have been and continue to be incredibly proud of everything that was accomplished.

2020 was the Year of the Nurse and Conway Regional nursing showed up to represent in a big way. Through the challenges of the pandemic, nursing displayed the resiliency and compassion that is at the heart of our profession. Setting aside personal fears and professional unknowns, staff answered the call and volunteered to work in COVID units. The team adapted their workflow and their home lives, pushed their comfort zones, and sacrificed mentally, physically, and emotionally as they renewed their dedication to their profession and to their patients.

In the midst of these challenges, our nursing team made history by becoming the third hospital in Arkansas to achieve Magnet® designation. This esteemed designation is the highest and most prestigious credential a healthcare organization can achieve for nursing excellence and quality patient care. The day the American Nurses' Credentialing Center called to award the designation is undoubtedly one of the proudest moments in my career, and Conway Regional nurses played a major role in the journey. I am full of pride as I congratulate each of our nurses, as well as the entire organization, on the work that was completed to be awarded this designation.

In the spring of 2020, I recall a moment on a Sunday evening as I sat in my car in our west parking lot. I was in awe as I looked around to see hundreds of other vehicles surrounding our building to gather in prayer for our staff and patients. Tears rolled down my cheeks as I sat in silence, listening to the horns honking and the intercession of those around me. In that moment, and so many more since then, I was thankful for our community's support, thankful for each of you at the bedside, and thankful for the leaders I get to work with every day. Most of all, I am thankful to have the honor to serve as your leader.

Angie Longre

Angie Longing, BSN, MHSM, RN, NE-BC Chief Nursing Officer VP of Patient Care Services Conway Regional Health System

Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission

Conway Regional Health System is accountable to the community to provide high quality, compassionate health care services.

Vision

The vision of Conway Regional Health System is to be recognized as the regional leader in health care excellence.

Nursing Vision

Committed to being the regional leader in providing exceptional, innovative nursing care to those we serve.

iCare Values

Integrity Compassion Accountability Respect Excellence



Professional Practice Model

The Professional Practice Model drew inspiration from roundabouts and the health system logo; both serve as reflections of our community. Patients and families live at the center of our practice, and the hands in the center represent our nurses and clinicians supporting our patients and families. Our values and care philosophies represent our clinical practice and our iCARE values. These encircle and reinforce our overall practice.



Care Delivery System

In 2018, nursing departments customized their care delivery system to define what guides nursing practice specific to each area. The hands represent the nurses supporting patients and families as they deliver nursing care.



Nursing Strategies and Goals



Promote Transformational Leadership in Nursing

- Enhance consistency of management processes
- Develop succession plan and strategy for new leaders
- Further develop mentoring program
- Improve interdepartmental collaboration



Promote Structural Empowerment in Nursing

- Grow and develop department councils
- Continue to support education and certification
- Promote and expand nursing community outreach
- Support and encourage professional development
- Increase recognition of nursing staff
- Effectively transition RNs into new practice settings

Promote Exemplary Professional Practice in Nursing

- Promote and improve nurse engagement
- Facilitate enculturation of the Professional Practice Model
- Facilitate an environment that promotes a positive patient experience and clinical outcomes
- Increase recognition of violence in the workplace

Encourage and Support New Knowledge, Innovations, and Improvements in Nursing

- Integrate the evidence-based practice model into nursing practice and decision making
- Encourage and support external and internal dissemination of research projects
- Facilitate and support research among clinical staff

Shared Governance



Professional Clinical Shared Governance provides direction and support for the professional practice of nursing at Conway Regional. Shared decision-making allows nurses at all levels to have active voices in establishing standards for clinical practice and professional advancement throughout the organization.

- Department Councils make decisions at the department level on matters of clinical practice that are unique to that department.
- Congress and the six congressional functional councils assist with establishing, evaluating, and revising the standards of clinical practice and patient care policy for the organization
- Patient Care Leadership Council (PCLC) serves as a forum for interprofessional collaboration between all patient care departments
- Two Executive Councils support the development and implementation of strategic and operational direction for nursing and non-nursing departments
 - Nurse Executive Operations Council (NEOC)
 - Chief Operating Officer Division Council

In October 2020, Conway Regional celebrated 5 years of shared governance with members of Congress.



Magnet[®] Recognition

On September 15, 2020, Conway Regional Medical Center was thrilled to receive Magnet® designation from the American Nursing Credentialing Center (ANCC). Magnet recognition is the gold standard for nursing excellence and only 8% of hospitals nationwide achieve Magnet Recognition status. Conway Regional was the third hospital in Arkansas—and the first outside of Little Rock—to receive the recognition and honor.

The ANCC distinguishes organizations who meet rigorous standards for nursing excellence. Hospitals achieve Magnet Recognition for quality patient care and innovations in professional nursing practice, and it is considered the highest recognition for a hospital nursing department.

This designation was achieved through a rigorous application process which began in April 2018. The medical center was surveyed by the ANCC in a comprehensive two-day site visit in July of 2020. Conway Regional team members were observed and assessed, and patients, family members, and staff were encouraged to submit comments and feedback to the Magnet® Recognition Program office.

Research demonstrates that this recognition provides specific benefits to health care organizations and their communities, such as:

- Higher patient satisfaction with nurse communication, availability of help, and receipt of discharge information
- Lower risk of 30-day mortality and lower failure to rescue rates
- Higher job satisfaction among nurses
- Lower nurse reports of intentions to leave their positions

Congratulations to our team for earning this recognition that is a true testament to the quality of care provided to the communities we serve.

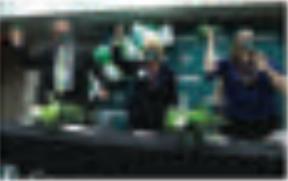






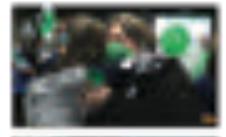




















Nursing Leadership



Angie Longing BSN, MHSM, RN, NE-BC Chief Nursing Officer VP of Patient Care Services Conway Regional Health System



Suzanne Harris, MS, BA, BSN, RN, NE-BC Director of Medical/ Surgical and Specialty Services



Amanda Irby, BSN, RN, NE-BC, CEN Director of Critical Care and Emergency Services



Tyler McDonald, MHA, BSN, RN Director of Surgical Services



CJ Newton, MSN, RN, NE-BC Director of Education & Magnet Program



Mary Salazar, MNSc, APRN, NEA-BC, RNC-MNN, WHNP-BC Director of Women's and Infants' Services



Andrea Moore Nursing Operations Coordinator

Nursing Managers



Amanda Harmon, BSN, RN Nurse Manager 2nd Floor, 3rd Floor, and SSOU



George Moore, BSN, RN Nurse Manager 4th Floor



Meg Prince MSN, RN, NE-BC Nurse Manager Emergency Department



Brenda Garlington, BSN, RN, VA-BC Nurse Manager PICC/Radiology



Julie Sindle BSN, RN, CNOR Nurse Manager Main OR



Linda Betts BSN, RN, CNML Nurse Manager Ambulatory Surgery



Mercy Vaughn, BSN, RN Nurse Manager CCU, CVICU, OIU



Jimmey Stobaugh, BSN, RN Nurse Manager Cath Lab

Support for RN Education

Conway Regional Health System supports nursing academic progression in the following ways:

Educational Loan Program:

Eligible candidates receive up to \$5,200 annually in reimbursement for tuition and fees for a maximum total of \$20,800. The employment requirement is waived for non-BSN Nurse Residents who signs a commitment to obtain their BSN within four years of hire.

Scholarships:

The Conway Regional Health Foundation awards scholarships to students in health-related fields on an annual basis. In 2020, the Foundation awarded 14 scholarships, totaling \$27,000.

Flexible Scheduling:

Flexible scheduling to accommodate class attendance and clinical rotations is an essential support that helps nurses at all levels, as well as unlicensed staff who are pursuing nursing licensure, achieve their educational goals.

BSN Recruiting:

Nurse residents are required to obtain a BSN within four years of their start date.

Partnership of Clinical Excellence:

This program is mutually beneficial to Conway Regional and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing students at the University of Central Arkansas. Conway Regional Health System and Conway Regional Health Foundation agree to provide financial support to certain students who enroll in, and graduate from, the UCA BSN program with the outcome of hiring such graduates at Conway Regional. Nine UCA Nursing students were selected in 2019, seven of which began our nurse residency program in the fall of 2020.

RN Engagement Survey

Conway Regional partners with Press Ganey® to measure and understand employee engagement. In October 2020, 303 direct care RNs completed the Nursing Excellence module as part of their employee engagement survey to provide feedback on their practice environments. Survey responses are used to gauge the effectiveness of change and other improvements and how they are impacting the environment for Nursing and patients at Conway Regional.

Conway Regional nurses scores outperformed the national benchmark in all seven ANCC Magnet® reporting categories!

Magnet Theme	Oct 2016 CRHS Average	Oct 2017 CRHS Average	Oct 2020 CRHS Average	National Average
Autonomy	3.99	-4.06	4.12	3.96
Professional Development	3.91	4.04	4.11	394
Leadership Access and Responsiveness	3.95	3.98	4.08	3.95
Interprofessional Relationships	3.85	3.95	4.07	3.91
Fundamentals of Quality Nursing Care	4.16	4.16	4.28	4.17
Adequacy of Resources	3.55	3.54	3.71	3.60
N-to-RN Teamwork and Collaboration	4.40	4.37	434	4.28

Unit Spotlight: Surgical Services

CS

PACU

Jim Rankin

Nursing Float

Lorri Smith

Priya Gopal

Michael Mills

Suleima Gomez

Emily Hargett

Kathy Jernigan

Kayce O'Connor

Main Operating Room, Ambulatory Surgery, Central Sterile, Post-Anesthetic Care Unit

Years of Service

Main OR

Jessica Thomasson

ASD

Bob Lawrence Carolyn Hambuchen Debbie Foreman Gina Balch John King Kelli Wilson **Ronny Yandell**

Graduations

MAIN OR Alyssa Love – LPN

ASD

Ashley Tallent – MSN FNP Kayla Sutton – MSN FNP

Highlights

- Main OR and ASD adopted families for the Christmas holiday
- Celebrated baby showera for Tiffany Burns and Codi Hawkins
- Celebrated a wedding shower for Amelia Fleisher in March and Emily Ball in June
- Tim Waldron in Central Sterile got married



Loretta Hart PACU Jena Reekie Sandra Weigt Tara Goodrich

CS

Exceptional Performers

ASD

Main OR

Connie Dayer Kelli Wilson Patrick Rippy

Amelia Fleisher

Kayce O'Connor

Taylor Welborn Tim Waldron

Nursing Float **Brett Watts**



Unit Spotlight: Women's and Infants' Services

Labor, Delivery, Recovery, and Postpartum • Nursery • Lactation Services • Women's Outreach

Exceptional Performers

Years of Service

Elizabeth Velte

Graduations

Lisa Speer – MSN Sandi Ortega – BSN

Certifications

Carmella Gibbs – CLC Kelsey Harrell – CLC Karlee Rudder – CLC Leah Medina – RNC-OB Amy Skelton Carmella Gibbs Cotney Benson Deb Crow Elisabeth Velte Gwen Rigsby Kathryn Langford Kelsey Harrell Laura Bennett Laura Glover Linda Fraser

Lindsay Liles Lisa Speer Lou Ann Oade Melissa Snowden Michele Kollias Sarah Duck Teresa Kelley Trudy Hightower Whitney Cunningham

Highlights

- Kelsey Harrell and Amy Skelton were honored as Great 100 Nurses
- 2020 Patient Satisfaction Overall Mean Score = 92.0 and 93.6 Percentile Rank
- 2020 Annual Employee Engagement Survey Score = 4.40; Organization 4.36
- 2020 Net Operating Income (LDRP/Nursery combined) = \$18,088,313; Exceeded Flex Budget by 20%
- Bonnie Grady, RN, retired after 19 years with Conway Regional and 46 years of nursing
- OB and Neonatal Emergency Drills and Department Specific Competencies with physician participation
- Exceeded all Accounable Clinical Management Women's and Infants committee goals
- Converted OB Pod 1 in L&D to create (4) isolation, negative pressure rooms for obstetric patients and neonates with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infection
- Participated in Walk to Remember for perinatal bereavement
- Participated in 20th Annual Toy Run
- Department Council and staff sponsored a family for the Christmas holiday































Unit Spotlight: Medical Tower & Short Stay Outpatient

Medical/Surgical • Oncology • Inpatient Wound Care • Outpatient Services

Years of Service

MEDICAL TOWER Martha Harless Marilyn Minor

Graduations

MEDICAL TOWER

Crystal Baker – DNP Hayley Duncan – BSN Jenney Garrett – MSN FNP Kayla Bond – MSN FNP Leisa Green – BSN Mikka Fenley – MSN FNP Morgan Rodriquez – BSN Shannon Busby – MSN FNP Taylor Gay – BSN

SSOU

Lindsey Massey – MSN FNP

Exceptional Performers

MEDICAL TOWER

Amy Fischer Ashley Brockman Brittany Hardiman Courtney Kirkpatrick Danielle Thompson David Flowers James Foster Jennifer Cooper

Johnna Askins Leisa Green Mallori Kunkel Margaret Hanson Peggy Phillips Rebecca Blansett-Ussery Tabatha Henderson

SSOU

Eryn Zimmerebner Kathy Wesson Lori Reynolds Mindy Moore

Nurse Residents

MEDICAL TOWER

Alexandria McCord Allen Mills Amelia Wright David Gomez

Hailey Pulliam Jeremy Duncan Tonya Curtner

Medical Tower Highlights

- All units participated in Christmas Family gift giving and Back to School Supply Drive
- Frontline staff participated in 4 quarters of Hospital Acquired Pressure Injury (HAPI) surveys
- Participated in iCARE bowling
- Staff participated in pumpkin decorating contest
- Mask donations to Conway High School
- Education sessions
- Numerous gifts and blessings from patients and families
- Frontline staff participated on the Inpatient Satisfaction Team
- Telemetry upgrade project for the 3rd floor
- Ian Lynch and Courtney Kirkpatrick were recognized as Great 100 Nurses

SSOU Highlights

- USP 800 Safe Handling instituted
- Closed System Transfer Devices instituted for all Hazardous Drugs (HD)
- Revamping of HD gowns cuff sleeves and closure in the back
- New Drugs for 2020:
 - Herzuma
 - Zirabev
 - Aminoglycosides
 - Pemetrexed
 - Mepolizumab
 - Benralizumab
 - Alphal-1 proteinase inhibitor
 - Truxima
- Began utilizing the Meditech Oncology Module for Multispecialty Clinic patients
- Managing patients on hemodialysis and timing their treatment accordingly
- Pre-Admission Testing Services (PAT) for GI clinic patients
- Added an APRN position to PAT and expanded PAT department services
- Eryn Zimmerebner was nominated as a Compassionate Nurse

































































Unit Spotlight: Emergency and Critical Care

Emergency Department · Intensive Care · Cardiovascular Intensive Care · Outpatient Interventional

Graduations

CCU

Joseph Owens – BSN Kari Turnipseed – BSN Katie Duham – MSN Nicole Smith – MSN

ED

Caitlyn Fee -BSN Collin Condit – BSN Daniel Whitehead – MSN Robert Paladino – MSN

Certifications

Brandi Alred - SCRN Daniel Whitehead - TCRN Whitnee Mendenhall - CCRN

Exceptional Performers

ICU Alexa Medlock Ashley Pierce **Destiny Taylor** Gabe Gartman Hannah Ray Kari Turnipseed Leah Baker Matt Austin Melanie Reynolds Nicole Smith Tawnya Gibson Valerie Dashiell Wiltrud Tollefson OIU Jowayna Farris Lynn Braden Roxie Patton

ER Bonnie Allen Kathy Carter Marilyn Dal Robert Darr **CVICU** Brandi Alred Bryan Martin Gwen Brunson Jessica Branham Katie Cox Katie Hunt Kennady Langston Mary McMullan Mary Moix Melissa Fowler

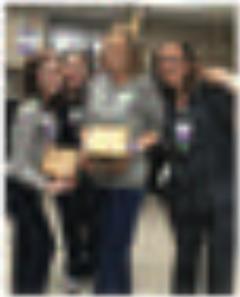
Nurse Residents

Kaitlyn Cozzens Marty Summers Nicholas Durocher

Highlights

- 15 nurses participated in the Clinical Advancement Program
- Robert Darr was nominated for the 2020 Nursing Compassion Award
- Meg Prince, ED Nurse Manager, was awarded the Patriot Award by the United States Department of Defense
- CCU earned the Quality Award for a 57% reduction in fall rates in 2019
- Participated in Walk of Honor
- Ashley Pierce and Gabe Gartman received the 2019 Quality Award
- Nursing Division Overtime Award Drawing Winner Constante "June" Cadiente
- AR SAVES Site Excellence Award for the fourth year in a row
- Gold Plus Get with the Guidelines Stroke Registry Award from AHA
- Participated in Career Day at St. Joe's School
- Participated in iCARE Bowling
 Participated in Walk for Wheezy

















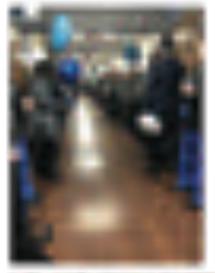










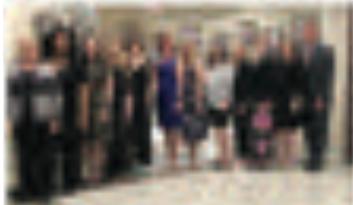










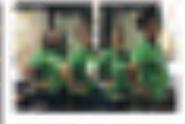


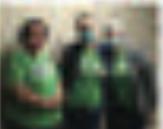


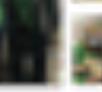




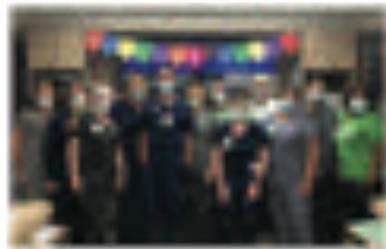


































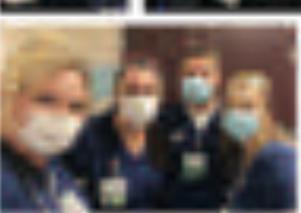


















Unit Spotlight: Education

Years of Service

Janet Simpson JoAnna Olson Graduations Rae Rhodes – MSN

Exceptional Performers

Janet Simpson Tilli Watson

Unit Spotlight: Adult Psychiatric Unit

Caring for mental health is crucial to overall health. In partnership with Unity Health, Conway Regional opened an inpatient adult behavioral health unit on September 22, 2020. Conway Regional Adult Psychiatric is an 11-bed specialty unit located in the Conway Regional Medical Center. Our medical team of psychiatrists and other providers work collaboratively with nurses, mental health technicians, social work therapists, recreational therapists, assessment coordinators to provide mental and physical care and treatment throughout the patients' admission.

Under the direction of a psychiatrist, our team provides individual treatment plans based on patient's needs, inpatient treatment for adults, therapy/counseling services, education for family members and caregivers, and assistance with placing patients in the most appropriate setting after their stay.

Below are a few highlights of the unit's implementation:

- Provided new week-long orientation training for 25 staff specialized in adult-focused mental health
- Provided a Nonviolent Crisis Intervention course to provide training and education on managing patients with aggressive behaviors
- Suzette Marks, RN, was honored as the 2020 Nurse of the Year by the North Metro Healthcare Awards

To create room for this much needed service for our community, Conway Regional and Dardanelle Regional combined Senior Behavioral Health services, offering an expanded range of services to our patients. During this process, Dardanelle Regional was able to update and renovate the senior behavioral health unit, including new doors, showers, plumbing hardware, and a new nurse's station. The consolidation of services provided Conway Regional with needed bed capacity, while simultaneously providing a consistent increase to the senior health census at Dardanelle Regional.



A Lesson in Resilience

When COVID-19 reached Arkansas on March 11, 2020, day to day operations shifted quickly for Conway Regional. In less than 72 hours, the Senior Behavioral Health unit and the Medical/Oncology unit were turned into a fully functioning 26 bed critical care COVID-19 unit with medical gases, cardiac monitoring equipment, cameras, and negative pressure rooms. Eventually the Critical Care area would also become a COVID-19 unit as would 3 South. Decisions regarding necessary changes and modifications were thoughtfully planned and swiftly enacted. Input from nursing was



Employees of our COVID-19 testing drive thru listen to instruction from Julie Chambers, APRN, who assisted with the drie thru clinical operations.

sought with every needed expansion or adaptation. Our team came together One Team with One Promise to navigate the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic.

Ancillary departments worked with nursing to help take on the various tasks normally completed by others. Each of us experienced how valuable our village truly is and developed a deeper appreciation and respect for each of our colleagues.

Critical care nurses and medical/surgical nurses worked side-by-side in a new manner – an opportunity to teach and learn from another – and the bond formed between many of these staff will carry on for a very long time.

Nursing outside of the COVID units worked tirelessly caring for non-COVID patients. Many of them worked for months in units other than their homes, with staff other than those they were most familiar with, and in many cases, with patients and diagnoses they were not as experienced with. For the first time in our history, nurses from Conway Regional Rehabilitation Hospital assumed



During the pandemic, the community hosted Park & Pray events outside of our patient tower where COVID-19 patients were being isolated.

care of low acuity, non-critical, non-COVID patients.

Nurses worked in the call center answering questions about COVID, screening, testing, and access to care. Nurses in our Quality department led our organization's efforts to maintain the CDC guidelines and navigate through the compliance requirements and other regulatory standards. Nurses were on the frontlines of providing telemedicine services and helping to vaccinate those within our organization and our community. Nursing staff in our clinics worked in inpatient units and in the newly formed COVID Infusion Center.

Throughout every facet of our organization's response to COVID-19, our nurses were on the frontlines, adapting, learning, and ensuring our patients and our community had access to high-quality, compassionate health care.









1. Conway Regional Women's Council provided funding for this yard sign to encourage our employees. **2.** Christina Simkins, RN, arrives for her shift on a day where hospital leadership lined the entrance, cheering employees on and offering donuts. **3.** The pandemic paved the way for the introduction of telemedicine across the health system. **4.** Most entrances were closed to help monitor those entering and leaving the building so they could be properly screened for symptoms before entering.



Our COVID-19 Testing Drive Thru was the first drive thru COVID-19 testing site in central Arkansas and it opened only days after the first COVID-19 case in the state.



Members of the community painted encouraging messages on rocks that were used to line the hallway leading to the employee entrance.



At the peak, Conway Regional had three COVID-19 units totaling 44 critical care beds. Construction was involved to meet proper COVID-19 isolation protocols.



Triage tents were set up outside of our public entrances to assist with screening potentially COVID-19 positive patients.



Conway Regional's "Stay Home, Decloma Morrisey, lab assistant, dons Arkansas" initiative aimed to flatten personal protective equipment as she the curve of increasing COVID-19 prepares to take a COVID-19 sample cases across Årkansas in April 2020.



from a patient.



Maintaining staff well-being is a pillar of our culture, and those values were central to our COVID-19 response such as this staff relaxation lounge.



All employees and visitors were screened for temperature, travel, and symptoms and received a check mark sticker in order to enter the campus.



A newspaper in November 2020 on the same day that Conway Regional began expanding COVID-19 critical care beds numbers to its peak of 44 beds.



Matt Troup, CEO, Alan Finley, COO, and Angie Longing, CNO, accept a donation of PPE from Susan Gatto on behalf of the UCA Department of Nursing.



Kim Moseley, medical lab technician, checks to see if results have returned for a COVID-19 test sent out that morning.



Hospital-provided free meals and delivery removed some normal daily burdens, allowing employees to focus on caring for our patients.



Some non-critical, non-COVID-19 patients were transferred to the rehab hospital to allow for better co-horting of COVID-19 patients.



On December 17, 2020, Suzanne Harris, nursing director of our COVID-19 unit, was the first frontline team member to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Committed to Keeping Patients Safe

CVICU

NO patient falls NO catheter

associated UTIs

NO central line associated blood stream infections

3 NORTH

24.6% reduction in preventing total patient falls

100% reduction in preventing fall injuries

2 NORTH

58.2% reduction in preventing fall injuries

4 NORTH

NO catheter associated UTIs

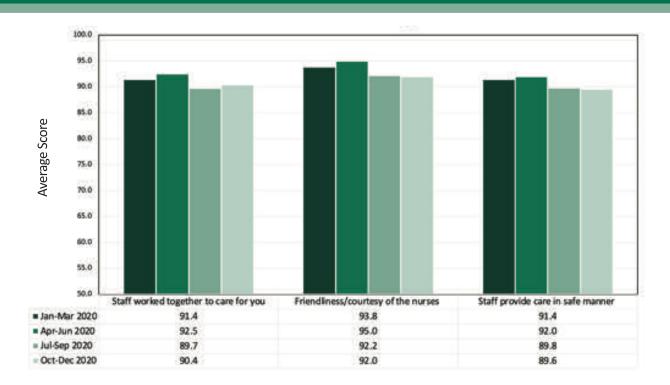
NO central line associated blood stream infections

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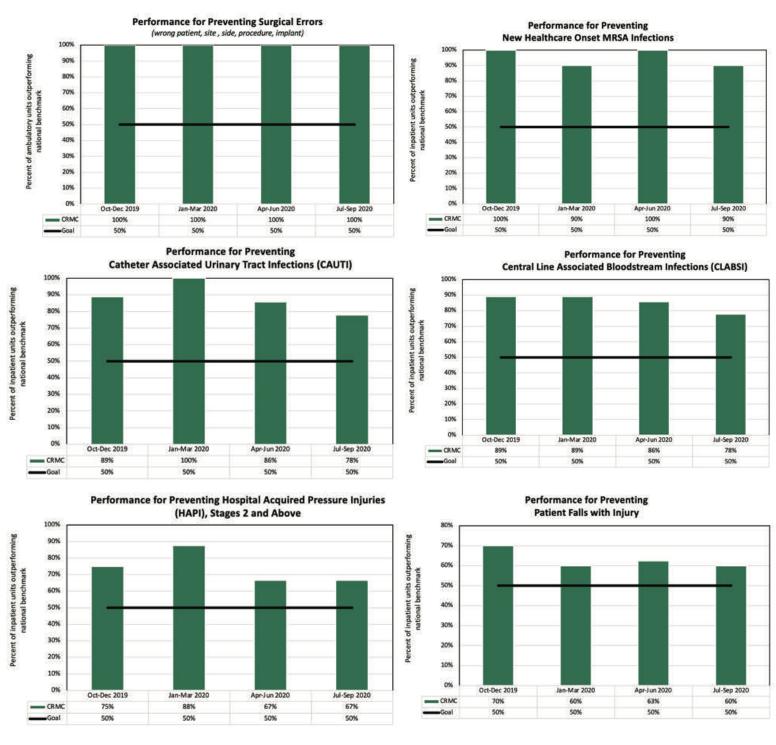
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NO central line associated blood stream infections

Patient Satisfaction with Nursing Care



Quality Data Trends



Additional Quality Milestones:

Continued to train staff in Techniques for Aggressive Management (TEAM)

In February 2020, began flagging patients for physically aggressive behavior

BSN Rate in April 2020 was 60.78%

Certification Rate of all RNs in April 2020 was 20.48%

Great 100 Nurses

Since its founding, the Great 100 Nurses Celebrations have honored thousands of exemplary nurses based on their concern for humanity, their contributions to the profession of Nursing, and their mentoring of others. Conway Regional is proud of the 10 nurses honored in 2019.

Amy Skelton Brenda Garlington CJ Newton Courtney Kirkpatrick Gabe Gartman Ian Lynch Kelsey Harrell Lynn Braden Robert Darr Suzette Marks

40 Nurse Leaders Under 40

40 Nurse Leaders Under 40 in the state are recognized due to their exemplary dedication to the nursing profession and a commitment to service excellence and leadership. They are acknowledged as community outreach servants.



Jessica Branham



Caitlin Castellani, MSN, RN-BC



Kennady Langston, CEN

Administrator of the Year – North Metro Healthcare Awards



Angie Longing, BSN, MHSM, RN, NE-BC Chief Nursing Officer

VP of Patient Care Services Conway Regional Health System

DAISY Awards

Conway Regional is honored to participate in the quarterly DAISY award program, which recognizes nurses for their skilled, compassionate, and exemplary care.



Marilyn Dail February 2020



Amanda Avery August 2020



Katie Cox October 2020



Suzanne Harris December 2020

BEE Awards

BEE Awards are presented quarterly in recognition of exceptional non-nursing caregivers and their contributions to the community.



Christie Harris February 2020



Beth Milligan March 2020



Nas McCombs July 2020



Tyrone Lee September 2020

2020 Compassionate Nurse Award

Gabe Gartman





Professional Presentations

Angie Longing, Chief Nursing Officer, along with Matt Troup, Chief Executive Officer, presented at the 2020 Virtual Press Ganey National Client Conference on November 17th, 2020. This presentation, titled 'From a Place to Work to a Best Place to Work: Sustaining a High-Performing Workforce," showcased Conway Regional's efforts to focus on the core values of our staff and physicians to transform the culture, create and sustain a high-performing workforce in the face of direct competition, meet the eligibility requirements necessary to pursue and submit for ANCC Magnet® designation, and earn national recognition as a Best Place to Work.

Certified Nurses

First Name	Last Name	Department	Certification
Brandi	Alred	Emergency Department	SCRNStroke Certified Registered Nurse
Lou	Ann	Women's and Infants	CLC Certified Lactation Counselor
Sarah	Atkins	Gastroenterology Center	CNP
Cotney	Benson	Women's and Infants	CLC Certified Lactation Counselor
Linda	Betts	Surgical Services	CNMLCertified Nurse Manager and Leader
Misty	Birdwell	Primary Care Network	FNP-BCFamily Nurse Practitioner - ANCC
Rebecca	Blansett	Telemetry/Cardiac Stepdown 3N	PCCN®Progressive Care Nursing (Adult)
Kayla	Bond	Telemetry 3S	PCCN®Progressive Care Nursing (Adult)
Brieanna	Breeding	Outpatient Interventional Unit	FNP-BCFamily Nurse Practitioner - ANCC
Amy	Broyles	Hospitalist Physicians	CNP
Gwen	Brunson	Emergency Department	
Barbara	Burgner	Women's and Infants	IBCLCInternational Board Certified Lactation Consultant
Haley	Campbell	Surgical Services	CCRN®Acute/Critical Care Nursing (Adult)
Tamara	Carroll	Telemetry/Cardiac Stepdown 3N	CMSRN®Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse
Brooke	Casazza	Central Based Float	A-GNPAdult-Gero Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
Caitlin	Castellani	Human Resources	RN-BCMedical-Surgical Registered Nurse
Julia	Chambers	Vilonia Medical Clinic	CNP
Susan	Choinski	Women's and Infants	RNC-OBInpatient Obstetric Nursing
Kristina	Collier	Information Systems	CCRN®Acute/Critical Care Nursing (Adult)
Jennifer	Cooper	Telemetry/Cardiac Stepdown 3N	PCCN®Progressive Care Nursing (Adult)
Deborah	Crow	Women's and Infants	CLC Certified Lactation Counselor
Marilyn	Dail	Outpatient Interventional Unit	CCRN®Acute/Critical Care Nursing (Adult)
Kathryn	Deacon	Hendrix Medical Clinic	CNP

Certified Nurses, continued

-irst	Last	Department	Certification
Rhonda	Dixon	Prince St Medical Clinic	CNP
atricia	Donar	Women's and Infants	CLC Certified Lactation Counselor
arah	Duck	Women's and Infants	CCECertified Childbirth Educator
randy	Eason	Gastroenterology Center	CNP
lancy	Embry	Women's and Infants	IBCLCInternational Board Certified Lactation Consultant
tarla	Emery	After Hours Clinic	CNP
1ikka	Fenley	Multispecialty Clinic	CNP
ebecca	Finley	Women's and Infants	CMSRN®Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse
melia	Fleisher	Surgical Services	CNOR®Certified Nurse Operating Room
ngela	Foster	Mayflower Medical Clinic	NP-CFamily Nurse Practitioner - AANPCP
oAnn	Frazier	Quality Resources	CPHQCertified Professional in Healthcare Quality
renda	Garlington	Radiology-PICC	VA-BCVascular Access-Board Certified
eresa	Gates	Women's and Infants	IBCLCInternational Board Certified Lactation Consultant
armella	Gibbs	Women's and Infants	RNC-OBInpatient Obstetric Nursing
Iolly	Griffis	After Hours Clinic	CNP
arolyn	Hambuchen	Surgical Services	CCRN®Acute/Critical Care Nursing (Adult)
largaret	Hanson	Telemetry 3S	PCCN®Progressive Care Nursing (Adult)
elsey	Harrell	Women's and Infants	CLC Certified Lactation Counselor
uzanne	Harris	Nursing Administration	NE-BCNurse Executive (Certified Nurse Admin - CNA,BC)
odi	Hawkins	Surgical Services	NP-CFamily Nurse Practitioner - AANPCP
ophie	Hooten	General Medical-Surgical 4N	CMSRN®Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse
essaca	Hope	Emergency Preparedness	AGACNP-BCAdult-Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
listy	Huddleston	General Medical-Surgical 4N	CCM®Certified Case Manager
ita	Hudgeons	Women's and Infants	CCM®Certified Case Manager
atie	Hunt	Emergency Department	CEN®Certified Emergency Nurse
manda	Irby	Nursing Administration	NE-BCNurse Executive (Certified Nurse Admin - CNA,BC)
ynn	Johnson	Surgical Services	RNC-LRNLow Risk Neonatal Nursing
1iranda	Jones	Women's and Infants	RNC-OBInpatient Obstetric Nursing
rooke	Keith	Surgical Associates	APRN
elley	King	Inpatient Wound Services	CWOCNCertified Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nurse
riscilla	Kramer	Women's and Infants	RNC-OBInpatient Obstetric Nursing
ennady	Langston	Emergency Department	CEN®Certified Emergency Nurse
aclyn	Latham	Renaissance Women's Center	RNC-OBInpatient Obstetric Nursing
ngie	Longing	Administration	NE-BCNurse Executive (Certified Nurse Admin - CNA,BC)
1eghan	Mallett	Prince St Medical Clinic	CNP
uzette	Marks	Adult Psychiatric	RN-BCGerontological Nurse
iryan	Martin	Emergency Department	CCRN®Acute/Critical Care Nursing (Adult)

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Lindsey	Massey	Multispecialty Clinic	CNP
Tyler	McDonald	Nursing Administration	NE-BCNurse Executive (Certified Nurse Admin - CNA,BC)
Mandi	Mears	Vilonia Medical Clinic	CNP
Leah	Medina	Women's and Infants	RNC-OBInpatient Obstetric Nursing
Alexa	Medlock	Intensive Care Unit	CCRN®Acute/Critical Care Nursing (Adult)
Megan	Moix	Renaissance Women's Center	CNP
George	Moore	Orthopedics (4th Floor)	NE-BCNurse Executive
Mindy	Moore	Short Stay Outpatient Unit	OCN®Oncology Certified Nurse
Regina	Moore	Women's and Infants	NP-CFamily Nurse Practitioner - AANPCP
Rosemary	Payne	Home Health	HCS-DHome Care Coding Specialist - Diagnosis
Ashley	Pierce	Intensive Care Unit	CCRN®Acute/Critical Care Nursing (Adult)
Kimberly	Plumley	Cardiovasular Intensive Care	CCRN®Acute/Critical Care Nursing (Adult)
Anne	Price	Women's and Infants	CLC Certified Lactation Counselor
Meg	Prince	Emergency Department	NE-BCNurse Executive (Certified Nurse Admin - CNA,BC)
Necie	Reed	Hendrix Medical Clinic	CNP
Lori	Reynolds	Short Stay Outpatient Unit	OCN®Oncology Certified Nurse
Gwen	Rigsby	Women's and Infants	RNC-OBInpatient Obstetric Nursing
Rhonda	Roetzel	Surgical Services	CNOR®Certified Nurse Operating Room
Karlee	Rudder	Women's and Infants	CLC Certified Lactation Counselor
Elana	Russell	Neuroscience Center	CNP
Mary	Salazar	Nursing Administration	NE-BCNurse Executive (Certified Nurse Admin- CNA,BC)
Lawren	Schnebelen	Women's and Infants	CLC Certified Lactation Counselor
Kara	Sierra	Gastroenterology Center	CNP
Janet	Simpson	Education	RNC-MNNMaternal Newborn Nursing
Julia	Sindle	Surgical Services	CNOR®Certified Nurse Operating Room
Tanya	Taylor	Counseling Center	CNP
Brenda	Turner	Women's and Infants	CDECertified Diabetes Educator
Emily	Turner	Surgical Services	CPN®Certified Pediatric Nurse
Kim	Vinacco	Nursing Administration	NP-CFamily Nurse Practitioner - AANPCP
Tilli	Watson	Education	CCRN-K™Acute Critical Care Knowledge Professional (Adult)
Cynthia	Webster	Radiology-PICC	VA-BCVascular Access-Board Certified
Daniel	Whitehead	Nursing Administration	CCRN®Acute/Critical Care Nursing (Adult)
Kara	Williams	Patient Navigation Center	CCM®Certified Case Manager
Allison	Wilson	Hendrix Medical Clinic	CNP
Kelly	Wright	Hospitalist Physicians	CNP



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