Thank you to our great nurses!
National Nurses Week May 6-12

During National Nurses Week, we pay special tribute to our nurses and the many roles they play in the health care system – advocate, leader and caregiver. At Mercy, our nurses are leaders in care coordination and improving patient outcomes across the organization. Guided by the principles of Careful Nursing, they provide professional, skilled and compassionate care, assuring the best possible patient experience for our patients and their families.

During this special week, the nursing staff has many activities planned. Please see the schedule below and participate in as many of the festivities as you can. Again, thank you for all you do to make the Mercy Experience the best it can be!

NURSES’ WEEK
In celebration of Nurses’ Week, all members of the Mercy nursing team are invited to attend and enjoy the following activities.

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| Tuesday, May 6 | Doctors’ Breakfast for Nurses  
 Mercy central campus - Marketplace & Grille  
 Mercy West Lakes – The Café | 6:30-9:30 a.m. |
| Wednesday, May 7 | National Nurses Week Webinar:  
 “Transforming Health Care through Nursing Leadership”  
 Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, Ph.D., RN, CPNP/PMHNP, FNAP, FAAN  
 Tim Porter O'Grady, DM, Ed.D., ScD(h), APRN, FAAN, GCNS-BC, NEA-BC, CW-CN, CFCN  
 Mercy central campus – East Tower Auditorium  
 Mercy West Lakes Cowrie Conference Room | 12 noon |
| Thursday, May 8 | Certification Recognition  
 By special invitation for certified nurses  
 Mercy central campus – East Tower Auditorium  
 Cardiovascular Educational Forum  
 Mercy central campus – East Tower Auditorium | 7:45 a.m.  
 11 a.m.-1 p.m. |
| Friday, May 9  | Unit-based activities and Blessing of the Hands  
 See your unit director for more details  
 Ice Cream Social  
 Mercy central campus – unit to unit delivery  
 Mercy West Lakes - unit to unit delivery | 9 p.m. |
| Saturday, May 10 | Ice Cream Social  
 Mercy central campus – unit to unit delivery  
 Mercy West Lakes – unit to unit delivery | 12 noon |
| Monday, May 12 | Unit-based activities and Blessing of the Hands  
 See your unit director for more details |
Nurses named to 100 Great Iowa Nurses

There are many nurses at Mercy who, in the course of their daily work, make a huge impact on the patients they care for. On May 4, for the 10th year in a row, this year’s 100 Great Iowa Nurses will be honored in a special program, organized and supported by area nursing and community leaders, at the Iowa Events Center in downtown Des Moines.

Three local nurses were selected for the honor this year:

Dawn Bowker, Mercy College of Health Sciences
Rita Lepeska, Mercy Hospice – Des Moines
Joyce Lillis, Mercy Home Care – Des Moines

Honored nurses are selected from a pool of hundreds of candidates and represent many sectors of health care – including hospitals, long-term care facilities, school and office nurses. They are selected based on their demonstrated concern for humanity, a significant contribution toward the nursing profession and leadership through mentoring.

“We are proud of our team of nurses at Mercy,” said Mary Brown, vice president and chief nursing officer. “To stand out in the top 100 nurses is a tremendous accomplishment for these three outstanding nurses,” she added.

Eight additional nurses from Mercy Health Network hospitals were also among the honorees this year. They are: Patricia Auringer, Hospice of North Iowa; Donita Balek, Mercy Medical Center – North Iowa Home Health Care; Kali Blocklinger, Mercy Medical Center – Dubuque; Brandi Booth, Knoxville Hospital & Clinics; Jessica Durnan, Mercy Medical Center – New Hampton; Patti Peterson, Mercy Medical Center – North Iowa; Judy Ratzlaff, Mercy Medical Center – North Iowa Home Health Care; and Margo Starr, Dallas County Hospital.

Congratulations to all of the Mercy Family nurses named for this great honor in 2014!

Trauma Month safety events planned

May is National Trauma Awareness Month and Mercy Emergency and Trauma Services will be focusing on safe driving education and awareness. In Iowa alone last year, there were 317 motor vehicle fatalities. In 2012, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recorded more than 33,000 vehicle fatalities across the United States.

On Saturday, May 10, the trauma team – along with Mercy Children’s Hospital & Clinics, the Iowa Department of Transportation, the Iowa State Patrol and West Des Moines EMS – will be hosting the Vehicle and Trauma Safety event at Jordan Creek Town Center. The groups will be set up at Center Court from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will provide information on vehicle safety, car seats, helmet safety and more.

The trauma team will also host an awareness event on Tuesday, May 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside the Marketplace & Grille for employees, patients and visitors. Everyone will be asked to sign a safe-driving pledge and will receive a special reminder to help them be safe drivers.

Stop by either event and pledge to be a safe driver!

Physician joins Mercy Gastroenterology Clinic

Jorge Go, M.D., has joined the physicians and staff at Mercy Gastroenterology Clinic. Dr. Go received his medical degree from the University of the Philippines in 2002, and completed his residency at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio, in 2007. In addition, Dr. Go completed a gastroenterology and hepatology fellowship at the University of Iowa Hospital in 2013, where he served as one of the chief fellows. Prior to his gastroenterology fellowship, Dr. Go was a general medicine fellow and VA Quality Scholar at the University of Iowa, where he was preceptor for the internal medicine residents’ outpatient clinic. During this time, he also earned a Master’s degree in clinical investigation from the University of Iowa. Dr. Go also served one year as a hospitalist at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Jorge Go, M.D.