



Emergency Nurses Association Recognizes 17 Emergency Departments for Exceptional Performance and Innovative Practice

Annual award bestowed to select high-performing teams

Seventeen emergency departments across the U.S. today were awarded the prestigious [Lantern Award](#)™ from the [Emergency Nurses Association](#) (ENA). The award honors emergency departments that exemplify exceptional practice and innovative performance in the core areas of leadership, practice, education, advocacy and research.

The Lantern Award is a visible symbol of an emergency department's commitment to quality, safety, presence of a healthy work environment and accomplishment in incorporating evidence-based practice and innovation into exceptional emergency care.

The 2014 Lantern Award recipients are:

- Advocate Children's Hospital Pediatric Emergency Department – Oak Lawn campus (Illinois)
- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Emergency Department (Illinois)
- Bethesda Arrow Springs Emergency Department – TriHealth (Ohio)
- Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital Pediatric Emergency Department (Virginia)
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Emergency Department - Liberty Campus (Ohio)
- Edward Hospital Emergency Department (Illinois)
- Franciscan St. Francis Health – Indianapolis Emergency Department (Indiana)
- HCA Oak Hill Hospital Emergency Department (Florida)
- Nemours Children's Hospital Emergency Department (Florida)
- Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital Emergency Department (Illinois)
- Overlook Medical Center Emergency Services - Union Campus, Atlantic Health System (New Jersey)
- Sharp Memorial Hospital Emergency Department (California)
- Swedish Medical Center – Ballard Emergency Department (Washington)
- Swedish Medical Center – Edmonds Emergency Department (Washington)
- University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children's Emergency Department (Ohio)
- University of Michigan Hospital & Health Centers – C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, Children's Emergency Services (Michigan)
- University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics Emergency Department (Wisconsin)

"These 17 emergency departments serve as true models of excellence for their commitment to quality care, safety, and presence of a healthy work environment," said ENA president Deena Brecher, MSN, RN, APN, ACNS-BC, CEN, CPEN. "It is important for us to recognize that these hospitals are at the forefront of emergency care. We look forward to sharing their best practices with ENA members who are all committed to exceptional performance."

All emergency departments are eligible to apply for the Lantern Award, but only a select few meet the highest excellence standards. The rigorous application process requires emergency departments to submit detailed performance metrics, narratives and exemplar responses. A team of reviewers thoroughly evaluate the submissions through a blinded review process.

Recipients will be recognized at an awards gala during the [2014 ENA Annual Conference](#) October 7-11 in Indianapolis. Award recipients are also recognized through use of the official Lantern Award seal and a physical award to display in their emergency department. The award period is three years and recipients have the option to re-apply at the end of their award period.

The Lantern Award is named in honor of Florence Nightingale, who is credited with changing nursing from an untrained job to a skilled, science-based profession. She is referred to as the "Lady of the Lamp" for her actions during the Crimean War when she worked deep into the night, bringing a lantern with her as she tended to wounded British soldiers as they slept.

The application for the 2015 Lantern Award will be available in October 2014.

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