

**ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL NURSE RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS
EXCELLENCE IN LEADER AWARD FROM THE ASSOCIATION
OF CALIFORNIA NURSE LEADERS**

ORANGE, Calif. (February 00, 2007) – The Association of California Nurse Leaders (ACNL) has honored Katie Skelton, RN, vice president of patient care services at St. Joseph Hospital, with the Excellence in Leader-South Award.

Each year ACNL recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the nursing profession and demonstrated great dedication for the advancement of clinical practice. The recipients of the awards are nominated by colleagues for their unwavering support and excellence as a nurse leader.

“It is a great honor to be nominated by my colleagues for this prestigious award,” said Skelton. “It is a wonderful feeling to be considered among so many great leaders who are truly dedicated to excellence in the nursing profession and to be recognized for doing what I love.”

Skelton received the award at the *Catching the Waves of Change, Leadership on the Crest* conference earlier this month.

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