



The Force

Our Magnet Journey



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Magnet Facility Updates

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REDESIGNATED MAGNET

- Sarasota Memorial Healthcare System, Sarasota, FL (First re-designation)

DESIGNATED MAGNET

- Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes, IN
- OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington, IL
- Alegent Health Lakeside Hospital, Omaha, NE
- Winter Haven Hospital, Winter Haven, FL
- Bon Secours St. Mary, Richmond, VA
- Trinity Medical Center
7th Street Campus, Moline, IL
Terrace Park Campus, Bettendorf, IA
West Campus, Rock Island, IL

Future Ambassador Meetings:

February 2, 2009, from 8-10 am in SJO-NEB CRI

May 4, 2009, from 8-10 am in the SJO-NEB CRI

July 6, 2009, from 8-10 am in the SJO-NEB CRI

August 31, 2009, am in the SJO-NEB CRI

November 9, 2009, am in the SJO-NEB CRI

Meet your Fellow Ambassador

Pratibha Seth is a clinical II nurse on the orthopedic unit. She has been at St. Joseph Hospital for eight years. She began her career here at this organization as a certified nurse assistance then went on to complete her RN. She has only worked on the orthopedic unit. Her most memorable moment as an employee of St. Joseph Hospital was when she was recognized during Nurse Week as a good nursing role (CNA). She was also nominated as a Yearling award candidate.

Code of Ethics for Nurses

Provision five

The nurse owes the same duties to self as to others, including the responsibility to preserve integrity and safety, to maintain competence, and to continue personal and professional growth.

Case Example

Consider Mr. Mac James, a patient on dialysis following nephrectomy for renal carcinoma. Because of congenital cysts in his other kidney it was expected that he would have to remain on dialysis for life. At one point he became clinically depressed and was successfully treated with electroconvulsive therapy when medications failed to be effective. At the time, he felt that he wanted to “give up,” but also felt an obligation as a retired priest to accept treatment. For two years, despite suffering from post-depression, he continued with dialysis. One day, when the CNS visiting nurse, Abby Davids, saw him, he told her that he wanted to stop dialysis on July 23, following his 40th anniversary as a priest. He said that his quality of life was unacceptable, would not improve, and that he was deeply distressed as others tried to coerce him into changing his mind. “After all, he isn’t that old, they said.” The physicians started antidepressant medication, but to no effect: he did not change his mind. In the clinical care conference, all parties agreed that they wanted Father Mac to continue his dialysis, except, Abby. She had several discussions with him and believes that his was a reasoned, reflective position, consistent with his beliefs and values, even if he could live a number of years longer on dialysis.

Reflection Question

At the patient care conference, Abby felt the full weight of the consensus against her. Should she speak up?

Yes. This does not mean that her view will prevail. This does not mean her colleagues are guaranteed to listen. Even when persons of moral good will come together to discuss life and death issues, there may be disagreement. One does not have a duty to self to express personal values so that others might be persuaded differently. The duty to self is to express one’s professional moral point of view, to preserve one’s authenticity; in other words, to be true to one’s self. In addition, doing so maintains open moral dialogue, which is not achieved if different views are suppressed. In some cases, this moral expression may be the only explicitly nursing moral voice, a voice that might not be heard if the nurse fails to speak up. Sometimes however, the moral point of view being expressed arises from the nurse’s personal values in a professional context.

Reminders

- March 17th – Magnet Kick-off located in the Mother Louise Room from 8:00 am-2:00 pm.
- January 16th - We are still looking for volunteers to help serve cake in the cafeteria for the Magnet Celebration from 11 am -1 pm and 11 pm- 1 am.
- Please submit your suggestions for the new Magnet slogan. We will be sharing the submitted suggestions at the next Ambassador meeting on February 2nd.