

Recognizing Hospital Staff and Nurses

Most people only visit hospitals occasionally, when a loved one is sick or a friend is having a baby. Associates at Woodland Heights Medical Center are different in this regard. Each day, hundreds of associates come to the hospital to provide compassionate, personalized care for friends, neighbors and those they do not know. Our providers work together around the clock, seven days a week to make healthcare available any time it is needed, whether for one person or more in times of community crisis or natural disaster.

National Hospital Week, established in 1953 and celebrated this year from May 7 through May 13, honors the dedication of all the men and women who deliver and support the care provided in hospitals. The dates overlap those for Nurses Week (May 6 to 12 this year) and were chosen to coincide with Florence Nightingale's birthday in recognition of her efforts to revolutionize the way hospitals were run in the United States. Although much has changed in healthcare since the mid- to late-1800s when Nightingale cared for patients, one thing has remained constant: hospitals are foundations of their communities, nurturing and caring for individuals from all walks of life.

Woodland Heights is proud to serve Lufkin and deep East Texas with the most-needed, quality clinical services. Our hospital touched thousands of lives last year through inpatient and outpatient care. We performed more than 5,000 surgeries, delivered more than 1,000 babies with more than 100 admissions to the Neonatal ICU and cared for more than 22,000 patients in our emergency room. Through the teamwork and commitment of our associates and medical staff, the quality of this care has been recognized by The Joint Commission as we hold The Joint Commission's (TJC) Gold Seal of Approval for Heart Failure, Chest Pain and Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement. We were also recently awarded Perinatal Care Certification from TJC, one of only four Texas hospitals to earn this distinction.

Our nurses are a large segment of our team as well. From our Emergency Room to our newborn nursery and NICU, to our surgical suites and cardiology cath lab, nurses are always there to provide compassionate care. They coordinate patient treatment, take and record vital signs, administer medication, and assist with surgeries, deliveries and emergent care. They work alongside fellow nurses, physicians, and other clinicians to carefully track patient progress. At Woodland Heights, we are thankful for the compassion and clinical excellence that our nurses exhibit every day whether at the bedside or in leadership positions.

This Hospital Week, Woodland Heights is pleased to recognize our associates and other healthcare providers for their ongoing commitment to the community and thank them for tireless dedication to the well-being of our neighbors.

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