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Swedish Medical Center Receives Top Performance Recognition from the Emergency Nurses Association
Annual award bestowed for exceptional and innovative practice

Englewood, Colo. (October 27, 2015) – The Emergency Nurses Association today announced that Swedish Medical Center was one of four U.S. emergency departments awarded the prestigious Lantern Award™. The award recognizes 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 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.

“I was thrilled our focus on quality and patient care was reflected in winning this award,” said Vicki Owens, Swedish’s Emergency Room Director. “The staff always exemplifies those characteristics around practice, innovation, and quality. It’s truly a team award.”

2015 Lantern Award recipients are:
- Boston Children's Hospital Emergency Department (Boston)
- Inova Loudoun Emergency Department (Leesburg, Va.)
- Pennsylvania Hospital Emergency Department – Penn Medicine (Philadelphia)
- Swedish Medical Center – Emergency Department – HCA-HealthONE (Englewood, Colo.)

“Congratulations to our 2015 Lantern Award recipients for their commitment to emergency nursing excellence,” said ENA president Matthew F. Powers, MS, BSN, RN, MICP, CEN. “The Lantern Award application and review process is rigorous, as we’re looking for the highest level of performance in emergency departments. These emergency departments go above and beyond to ensure quality safe practice and care.”

All emergency departments are eligible to apply for the Lantern Award, but only a select few meet the highest excellence standards. Emergency departments are required 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 ENA’s Annual Awards Gala on October 3, 2015 during Emergency Nursing 2015 in Orlando, Fla. The Lantern Award designation is valid for three years and recipients may re-apply after three years.

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.
About Swedish Medical Center (www.SwedishHospital.com)

Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colorado, part of HealthONE, serves as the Rocky Mountain Region’s referral center for neurotrauma and as the region’s first Joint Commission certified Comprehensive Stroke Center, a recognized leader in the most advanced stroke care. Swedish offers patients the highest quality care and the most advanced technologies and treatments in nearly every medical specialty and is an eleven time winner of the National Research Corporation Consumer Choice Award and a Top 100 Hospital recognized by Reuters. A Level I trauma hospital with 368 licensed beds, Swedish is located in the south metro Denver area where it has been a proud member of the community for more than 100 years. Annually, Swedish cares for more than 200,000 patients with a team of 2,000 dedicated employees, 500 volunteers and more than 1,300 physicians.

About the Emergency Nurses Association

The Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) is the premier professional nursing association dedicated to defining the future of emergency nursing through advocacy, education, research, innovation, and leadership. Founded in 1970, ENA has proven to be an indispensable resource to the global emergency nursing community. With more than 40,000 members worldwide, ENA advocates for patient safety, develops industry-leading practice standards and guidelines, and guides emergency healthcare public policy. ENA members have expertise in triage, patient care, disaster preparedness, and all aspects of emergency care. Additional information is available at www.ena.org.

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