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2021 ABNN Certificant of the Year Award

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Recommended by: Fernando Testai and Jenna Reeh



I am a member of AANN, the AHA, and the Neurocritical Care Society with a certification in Emergency Neurologic Life Support. I serve as reviewer for the Journal of Neuroscience Nursing and a member of the SCRN Cut Score Task Force, evaluating exam questions and score criteria.

I facilitated neuroscience symposiums for nurses at our hospital and neighboring hospitals. I revamped the orientation curriculum incorporating AHA best practices/AANN nursing guidelines.

I serve as a DNP mentor for the College of Nursing by facilitating the development of nurses through a system-level project. Outside of my organization, I am a frequent speaker for high school and undergraduate groups interested in healthcare professions.

For the last 10 years, I organized an annual employee volleyball tournament to encourage active lifestyles. The proceeds benefit the Neuroscience Patient Assistance Fund, which I founded. It provides essential equipment for patients with limited financial resources to transition home safely and reduce readmissions. Through our stroke outreach program, we established partnerships with community organization, including the Mexican Consulate, where I conducted stroke education and screening on a quarterly basis in addition to regular Q&A sessions.

My unit is designated Tier 1 in Employee Engagement, which is the highest tier for engagement at our hospital - the only inpatient nursing unit to return a 100% response rate. Some of the highest scores were in the Manager domain, specifically in the areas of respect, caring about their job satisfaction and encouraging teamwork.