

Patient-Centered Nursing Services



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DAISY AWARD RECIPIENT

Nursing is a work of art, science, and heart at The University of Arizona Cancer Center at Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center (Cancer Center). Our nurse navigator for Breast Medical Oncology, **Kelly Hartley, RN, BSN, OCN**, was honored as a Daisy Award recipient for providing compassionate, patient-centric care for patients diagnosed with breast cancer. The Daisy Foundation selected Kelly as an honoree based on her dedication to patients, coordination of their care, and consistent availability to assist them and their caregivers, as well as her recent accomplishments of receiving a BSN degree and Oncology Nursing Certification. "It is hard to imagine that I could have a better nurse in our practice to help me," says Dr. Wendt. "Kelly is a shining light here at the Cancer Center, and I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award."

CAREER LADDER - NURSING LED RESEARCH PROJECT

Danielle Campos, RN, BSN, implemented a nursing research project related to patient safety during medication administration. The goal of the study is to evaluate compliance with electronic scanning of patient identification arm bands and to identify needs for improvement in frequency of scanning prior to medication administration. As a result of the study, a new process for scanning will be implemented in Endoscopy and Interventional Radiology.

NURSING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The nursing team at The University of Arizona Cancer Center at Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center has high standards for nursing clinical practice and professionalism including:

- Individualized care to meet patients' specific needs.
- Oncology specialty nursing care.
- Evidence-based care.
- Coordination of services in a comprehensive oncology setting.
- Interdisciplinary care with multiple teams.

All nurses are encouraged and empowered to enhance knowledge and skills through courses, training, and certifications. Last year, a number of nurses obtained certifications in the following areas:

- Career Ladder Nursing Research Projects
- Oncology Nursing Certification
- Chemotherapy Provider Certification
- Med-Surgical Certification

Nursing is an art and if it is to be made an art, it requires an exclusive devotion as hard a preparation as any painter's or sculptor's work.

— Florence Nightingale

