

NURSING

Spotlight

Highlights of Excellence



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Extraordinary Nurses at City of Hope



Thank you to everyone in helping us with the Magnet Documents! I appreciate everyone's teamwork to get data, evidence and narratives assembled to tell the beautiful stories of the work we do here. I am extremely touched by the incredible teamwork and in remembering all the fantastic work we have been doing.

Extra special shoutout to all City of Hope nurses!

I want to give a special shout out to all of you for the amazing care you give to our patients and the hard work in process improvement, quality improvement and research that allows us to advance our care – all of this is what we are featuring in our Magnet documents. I celebrate YOU and all that YOU DO!

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*Senior Vice President of
Patient Care Services
and Chief Nursing Officer*

Nurses' Week 2020

THANK YOU to our nurses working tirelessly to take care of our patients during the coronavirus pandemic.

Featured below and on the next page are images of some of our brave nurses from City of Hope's Duarte campus and community practice sites.



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Community Connection

Newport Beach Grand Opening

City of Hope | Newport Beach is now open, fulfilling our promise of speeding lifesaving cancer treatments to the region. The new site is the first in Orange County and located at 1601 Avocado Ave. in Newport Beach, California. It is a 12,500-square foot patient-centric and future-focused facility that began serving patients on Jan. 27.

The opening of our Newport Beach location is the first time Orange County residents will have local access to our world-renowned compassionate care, personalized therapies and highly specialized physicians. Also unique to Newport Beach is the premier of our innovative precision prevention and early detection program.

The clinical space includes 10 exam rooms and 20 infusion chairs. Clinical services offered include both hematology and

oncology consultations, and treatment space for chemotherapy and immunotherapy infusions. A clinical social worker will be joining the team in the coming month.

The nursing team is led by **Kerry O'Neil**, BSN, RN, OCN, a nursing supervisor who brings decades of oncology nursing experience to the Newport Beach location, as well as her insights as a longstanding member of the Orange County community. **Linda Buck**, MSN, NP-C, AOCNP, a nurse practitioner, provides advanced oncology nursing expertise at the site and has been instrumental in supporting the physicians who have been adjusting to the Newport Beach location. Additional members of the nursing team are: **Cheri Barbour**, BSN, RN, OCN, **Lynda Youngblade**, BSN, RN, and **Kelly Pelegrin**, MSN, BSN, RN.



City of Hope team at Newport Beach



Kudos

Stephanie Liang

Stephanie Liang, BSN, RN, CCRN, took a critical care course to prepare for a training in PACU, which will prepare her for crossing training in patient recovery. This will allow radiation oncology to provide more services in the department for our patients. Stephanie was very positive to learn and prepare for her preceptorship and passed the critical care course. We are very proud of her!

— **Janet Reszitznyk**

Gabby Real

I have had the pleasure of working alongside **Gabby Real**, RN, as the Infusion MA and have witnessed her selflessness, elegance and kindness. She exhibits many of City of Hope's values on a daily basis. She is compassionate, serves with a sense of urgency, works in collaboration with her team by constantly taking their input and works with integrity. She is a seasoned oncology nurse who also trains new nurses joining the community practice sites in Simi Valley and, more recently, Thousand Oaks. Her charismatic and genuine nature is what draws patients, families and co-workers to her. I have personally seen her sacrifice half or all of her day she was supposed to take off, as she knows her team will be short-staffed. I wanted to shout her out and let her know that her hard work does not go unnoticed! Keep smiling, Gabby!

— **Harpreet Samra**

Heather Winnie

I would like to highlight **Heather Winnie**, BSN, RN, as charge nurse in our clinic. Heather always makes sure that all her staff (ACA and RN) will get a break in the morning and in the afternoon. That short period of break was definitely a big help for all of us to recharge, especially on those difficult clinic days. Heather is very hardworking, proactive and kind. She always jumps in and helps everyone around her. She is an AMAZING human being. Everybody (MD, NP, patient) loves Heather because of her big heart. She is very thoughtful in so many ways such as by making sure she will organize a surprise birthday party, baby shower, etc. You will also be surprised because some days you will find chocolates, cookies, crackers and even lunch left on your work table because Heather knows not just how to keep the clinic and patient safe, but also knows how to keep her staff happy and full. Heather surely knows how to enlighten us and put that big smile on our face. Clinic 1B is so blessed to have Heather as our charge nurse.

— **Sheila Emelo**, BSN, RN

Publications

“Geriatric Oncology: Educating Nurses to Improve Quality Care”

“Geriatric Oncology: Educating Nurses to Improve Quality Care” is an article regarding the COH R25 grant published in the Journal of Geriatric Oncology to honor our principal investigator, **Arti Hurria, MD**. I would like to additionally acknowledge the collaborative effort put forth by the following team members for their contributions to this work: **Vani Katheria, Carolina Uranga, Denice Economou, Elsa Roberts, Can-Lan Sun, Heeyoung Kim, William Dale, Matthew Loscalzo, Christopher Okamoto, Dale Mitani, Richard Yang, Howard Chang and Anait Arsenyan**.

— **Peggy Burhenn**, MS, CNS, RN-BC, AOCNS

