

Carol Udyicz Memorial Excellence Award for The Center for Connected Care

Local Award – Main Campus Only

Purpose: Presented in recognition of the special skills, talents and compassion in the delivery of outstanding post-acute patient care.

Eligibility: Any nurse employed at Cleveland Clinic's Center for Connected Care reporting to Main Campus for at least three years. The nominee must have achieved "commendable" or higher on their last annual performance review and have no corrective action in the last two years. Past NEA honorees are eligible in the same award category after 10 years and in other award categories after 5 years. CNO may make exceptions.

Process: Any caregiver, patient or visitor may nominate. Submissions will be scored during a double-blind review based on evidence provided by completion of the nomination questions. Honorees will be announced by the end of Nurses Week.

Instructions: Please **DO NOT** use the nominee's name when writing details but rather address as the **NOMINEE**. Answer each question completely, providing specific examples or descriptions as requested, including patient and other caregiver comments. When possible, provide quantitative data to support examples.

1. Give examples of how this nominee demonstrates excellence related to positive patient experience, outcomes and fiscal responsibility.
2. Describe how the nominee demonstrates excellence in interpersonal relationships through compassion, respect, integrity and true concern for patients, families and fellow caregivers that provides a caring and supportive environment.
3. Describe how the nominee supports nursing through leadership/management activities (formal or informal).
4. Provide examples that show how the nominee utilizes innovation in nursing practices (e.g., creates learning tools, continuous improvement initiatives, research).
5. Describe how the nominee shares their expertise with others and how they continue their own professional development (professional committees/organizations/boards, continuing education, certifications, mentoring, precepting, community activities).