

**The Stanley Shalom Zielony Institute for Nursing Excellence*****Nursing Excellence Award Nomination Form  
Local Award***

NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Purpose:** The Zielony Nursing Institute Nursing Excellence Award is presented in recognition of the special skills, dedication and compassion in the delivery of outstanding direct patient care.

**Eligibility:** Any Registered Nurse, providing direct patient care (inpatient or ambulatory), employed in the Cleveland Clinic health system for at least three years who exhibits behaviors depicted in the Professional Practice Model: shared vision, relationship-based care, thinking in action and serving leader.

**Process:** Any employee, physician, patient or volunteer may nominate. Recipients will be selected on the basis of evidence provided by completion of the nomination eligibility criteria.

**Award:** The award winners will be announced and presented during Nurses' Week.

**Instructions:** Please **DO NOT** use the nominee's name when writing details: Address as the **NOMINEE**. Please cite specific examples including patient and physician comments. Answer each question completely, providing specific examples or descriptions as requested. When possible, provide quantitative data to support examples. If you require more space, attach a sheet to the nomination form.

1. Describe how this nominee has embraced the Professional Practice Model: shared vision, thinking in action, relationship-based care and serving leader. (i.e. Manages physiologic crisis, provides comfort measures to patients and families, prevents potential complications, negotiates multiple priorities in care, informs and educates patients, communicates effectively with other caregivers, provides compassionate end of life care.)
2. Provide an example of how this nominee has identified themselves with the Professional Practice Model by embracing the concept of a healing environment. (i.e. Provides positive diversions, offers options and choices, reduces environmental stressors, envelops families in care giving activities)
3. Describe how this nominee has embraced the concept of the healing environment with the patient and family, making a human connection. (i.e. Provides physical touch, is visible, offers soothing talk, acknowledges patient fears and concerns, honors patient requests, listens to patient stories, treats the patient as an individual)
4. Provide an example showing where this nominee has elevated the professional image of nursing. (i.e. Participates in journal clubs, creates patient education materials, joins a professional nursing organization, achieves certification, coaches/mentors a peer, presents at a local or national conference, submits a manuscript to a professional journal, volunteers at health fairs in the community, speaks about nursing as a career at local schools, participates in patient care rounds )
5. Provide an example where this nominee has made a change in nursing practice using evidence-based information and made a difference in patient care. (i.e. Demonstrates a spirit of inquiry, shares journal articles on a specific clinical issue, collaborates with nursing management to identify a practice gap, generates a "Best Practice" idea, enlists peers to trial idea, evaluates impact of "Best Practice" idea)