Purpose: The Zielony Nursing Team Excellence Award is presented to a Nursing team that collectively and collaboratively demonstrates skills, expertise and personal attributes that contribute to the delivery of outstanding patient care.

Eligibility: Any Nursing Team, of two or more individuals, at the Cleveland Clinic health system (includes, inpatient units, ambulatory areas, shared governance teams, specialty care teams etc.)

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. Provide an example showing how the nominees demonstrate excellence through the effective management of patient care. (Cite examples such as: demonstrating patient satisfaction scores percentage increase from previous year, evidence of nurse satisfaction and retention, quality improvement projects, and/or ongoing collaborative practice)

2. Provide an example showing how the nominees demonstrate excellence through the efficient management utilizing the teamwork approach to optimize patient care. (Cite examples such as: utilizing budget, positive productivity data and financial data, scheduling and staffing practices, provides physical environment conducive to patient care, etc.)

3. Provide an example showing how the nominees demonstrate excellence through leadership of their nursing team. (Cite examples such as: demonstrating collegiality, staff initiatives, recruitment and retention efforts, shared governance, and participation in CCF or community activities)

4. Provide an example showing how the nominees demonstrate nursing skills and knowledge through creativity, problem-solving and on-going educational activities. (Cite examples such as: number of employees with specialty certification, membership to professional organization, frequency of educational opportunities provided on the unit, and quality improvement or research projects)