Two of Cleveland Clinic’s hospitals have earned Magnet status — the highest national recognition awarded to a hospital or medical center for excellence in nursing. Having first earned Magnet status in 2003, Cleveland Clinic’s main campus was redesignated a Magnet hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) in 2008. Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital nurses also were granted Magnet status in 2009.

Magnet status is accepted nationally as the gold standard for patient care. It provides patients with a benchmark to measure quality of nursing care.

“Magnet designation elevates our profession and is one more tangible example of our commitment. It verifies what we already know about the outstanding caliber of our nurses and the quality of their work,” says Dana Wade, RN, MSN, Director, Nursing Quality. “It shows our patients that we have the highest qualified, most compassionate nurses, in addition to highlighting our commitment to a better environment for nursing through a more collaborative work setting and educational growth opportunities.”

Other hospitals in the Cleveland Clinic health system are also preparing for the Magnet journey or are involved in The Pathway to Excellence Program®, which is another ANCC program that recognizes the essential elements of an optimal nursing practice environment.
AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Cleveland Clinic nurses are recognized both within the Cleveland Clinic health system and externally for their achievements and expertise.

AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, NATIONAL BOARDS

Cleveland Clinic nurses are active on local, national and international committees, councils and task forces. They also are involved in editorial work on leading professional journals and have been invited to lecture nationally. Some of our nurses have received national recognition for their work.

Introduction to Critical Care Nursing, 5th edition, received the Book of the Year Award by the American Journal of Nursing in the category of Critical Care-Emergency Nursing. The book was edited by Deborah Klein, RN, MSN, CCRN, CS, of Cleveland Clinic, along with Mary Lou Sole, PhD, RN, CCNS, CNL, FAAN, and Marthe Moseley, PhD, RN, CCRN, CCNS.

Kathy Hill, MSN, CCNS, CSC, a Cleveland Clinic Clinical Nurse Specialist in the surgical ICU, was awarded the 2010 American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) Circle of Excellence Award. This award recognizes and showcases the excellent outcomes of individuals in the care of acutely and critically ill patients and their families.

The numbers:

• 42 of our nurses are members of or hold positions in national and international committees, councils and task forces.
• 29 are involved in local/regional task forces.
• 13 are involved in journal editorial work.

In 2009, Cleveland Clinic nurses authored 62 journal articles, two books and 11 book chapters.
• In 2009, Cleveland Clinic nurses delivered 70 presentations and presented 21 posters.

NURSING HALL OF FAME AWARD

Since 2002, Cleveland Clinic and its regional hospitals have honored deserving nurses with the Nursing Hall of Fame Award. The annual award celebrates nurses who demonstrate special skills, dedication and compassion in delivering bedside patient care. Nurses are nominated by hospital employees, physicians and volunteers. Two nurses are chosen from each hospital, and all winners and their guests attend an award dinner and ceremony.

2009 award winners were:

Lori Zielinski, RN  
Cleveland Clinic Home Care/ Hospice  

Helen Cooper, RN, ANM  
Euclid Hospital Emergency Department  

Holly Engel, RN, CCRN  
Euclid Hospital Critical Care Unit  

Mary Black, RN  
Fairview Hospital Oncology and Women’s Health  

Sheila Struble, RNC  
Fairview Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit  

Karla Mintus, RN  
Hillcrest Hospital Special Care Nursery  

Shaheen Rahman, RN  
ANM, Hillcrest Hospital Neuro/Trauma Unit  

Nancy Beth Alexander, RN, CEN  
Huron Hospital Emergency Department  

Michele Jackson Lyons, RN, BSN  
Huron Hospital Medical Intensive Care Unit  

Susan Moran, RN, BS  
Lakewood Hospital Progressive Care Unit  

Lynne Schaefer, LPN, ORT  
Lakewood Hospital Surgery Department  

Kathleen Meyers, RN, BSN  
Lutheran Hospital Intensive Care Unit  

Megan Vondran, RN  
Lutheran Hospital Adult Behavioral Health  

Joan Licata, RNC, BSN  
Marymount Hospital Cardiac Rehabilitation  

Darleen Myers, RN  
Marymount Hospital Medical/Surgery Unit  

Elizabeth Bielawski, LPN  
South Pointe Hospital Medical Telemetry Unit  

Michelle Olson, RN  
South Pointe Hospital Post-Anesthesia Care Unit  

Jodi Calaway, RN, BSN, EMTP  
Ashtabula County Medical Center Emergency Department  

Doris Harper, RN  
Ashtabula County Medical Center Medical/Surgical Unit