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IHI AND DAISY FOUNDATION HONOR NURSING PROFESSIONALS

Nurses from West Kendall Baptist Hospital and University of Iowa to be recognized at the IHI Patient Safety Congress, May 15–17

Boston, MA — April 17, 2019 — The [Institute for Healthcare Improvement](#) (IHI) and the [DAISY Foundation](#) have announced the recipients of the 2019 IHI DAISY Awards for Extraordinary Nurses. Jobic Ray Butao, BSN, RN, CCRN, will receive the individual award. The team award will go to the Wound Ostomy Nursing Team at University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics.

The awards will be conferred during the [IHI Patient Safety Congress](#), May 15–17, 2019, in Houston, Texas.

A signature program of the DAISY Foundation, the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses recognizes individual nurses and clinical teams throughout the year for their extraordinary, compassionate care. More than 3,600 health care facilities and nursing schools across the US and in 21 other countries participate every year. Nearly 170 nurses and nurse-led teams, first honored within their own organizations between January 2017 and June 2018, were eligible for the 2019 IHI DAISY Awards, which place special emphasis on efforts to improve workforce and patient safety.

“We saw an incredibly diverse pool of nominees with strong dedication to their patients and to providing safe health care,” said **Patricia McGaffigan, RN, MS, CPPS**, Vice President, Safety Programs, IHI. “These honorees demonstrate nursing skill and expertise matched by compassionate care, collegiality with peers, and a commitment to advancing their profession.”

Individual award recipient, Jobic Ray Butao, is a critical care nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at West Kendall Baptist Hospital in Miami. He has worked with his organization’s executives to initiate nurse sensitive indicator outcome-specific leadership rounds in the unit and has led efforts to reduce central-line associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI) and catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI). The unit had no cases of CLABSI over an 11-month period and only one case of CAUTI. The practices put in place through Butao’s efforts are being implemented in other units of the hospital.

“Jobic is a dynamic peer leader, a skilled clinician, and a researcher,” said **Sandra McLean**, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer, West Kendall Baptist Hospital. “He is also patient, kind, and compassionate with his patients and their families — truly the picture of an extraordinary caregiver.”

Similarly, the wound ostomy nurses at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics (UIHC) are being recognized for their technical skill and knowledge as well as their leadership in promoting interprofessional teamwork and their compassionate care of patients who find themselves in wholly unexpected circumstances.

The eight-member team of specialists assesses and cares for patients with all manner of wounds — from pressure ulcers to ostomy wounds. They have kept the organization below national benchmarks for pressure ulcers, in part with a program of quarterly skin surveys of all adult and pediatric patients. They also

established an interprofessional committee to address hospital-acquired pressure injuries and worked with information technology teams to develop an innovative, tablet-based application to enhance processing of skin survey data.

“We are so proud of our wound ostomy nursing team,” said **Cindy Dawson, MSN, RN, CORLN**, Chief Nurse Executive, UIHC. “They demonstrate excellent clinical care every day through their interprofessional teamwork, use of evidence-based care, and outstanding quality improvement work. This award truly highlights the incredible work they do every single day for patients, families, and staff.”

In addition to the awards being conferred at the Patient Safety Congress, honorable mention goes to the Emergency Medicine Trauma Team at Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, DC. The team is being recognized for their exemplary work in improving patient and workforce safety by meeting the mental health needs of pediatric patients in the emergency department. As a result of the team’s efforts, the organization has seen a 53 percent decrease in reported aggressive or violent events toward staff, and a decrease in the need of restraints from 7.5 percent to zero.

“The DAISY Awards were created to express gratitude to nurses around the world for their compassion,” said **Bonnie Barnes, FAAN**, Co-Founder and CEO of the DAISY Foundation. “This year’s honorees exemplify the professionalism and humanity that are hallmarks of outstanding nursing care. We are proud to partner with IHI in recognizing the important contributions nurses make to improving care and safety.”

The IHI DAISY Awards for Extraordinary Nurses are supported by a generous grant from [Hill-Rom](#), a global provider of clinical technology and patient safety solutions.

For updates about the award and the IHI Patient Safety Congress, visit ihi.org/congress.

About the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)

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About the DAISY Foundation

The DAISY Foundation was created in 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died at age 33 of complications of an auto-immune disease (hence the name, an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.) Patrick received extraordinary care from his nurses, and his family felt compelled to express their profound gratitude for the compassion and skill nurses bring to patients and families every day. The DAISY Award celebrates nurses in over 3,600 healthcare facilities and schools of nursing around the world. For more information about The DAISY Award and the Foundation’s other recognition of nurses, faculty and students, visit www.DAISYfoundation.org.

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