

June 25, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I have the honor of writing to you today to recommend Laura Grealish as a nominee for the PCICS excellence in bedside ICU nursing award.

Laura Grealish started her nursing journey as a diploma nurse and years later went on to obtain her BSN in nursing. She started her career as a floor nurse for 2 years at Boston Children's Hospital before transferring into a CICU position. Laura spent a few years as travel ICU nurse to gain more experience and skills and returned to her home in the CICU where she has remained for the last 17 years. Laura has been a permanent charge nurse in the CICU at Boston Children's Hospital for 14 years.

There is simply no nurse than can compare to Laura. I have had the pleasure of working with Laura in the CICU for 12 years and can still remember first meeting her. I was in awe of her capabilities. She has this incredible ease to her as she provides care to critically ill patients. She maintains a sense of calm even in the most heightened moments and by doing so, keeps everyone around her calm. It is truly a gift. In my opinion, she embodies the definition of nursing excellence.

Over the last 12 years, I have viewed Laura as a role model. As a fellow charge nurse, I welcomed any advice and mentoring from Laura. She is an open book and willing to provide feedback, both positive and negative, to help shape nurses and improve their practice. She is honest but constructive in her approach. The care that she provides to her patients is impeccable. Her bedside is clean and organized and so are her patients! You can always tell if Laura was the nurse because her adorable patients, even with all their lines and tubes, look pristine with little touches from home such as baby blankets or stuffed animals. She makes it look easy and I can tell you it is not easy. She makes families feel immediately at ease when they arrive to the unit or a bedspace because they know she is capable and compassionate.

Laura is an integral part of the daily flow in the CICU at Boston Children's Hospital. When staff and families see that Laura is in charge or at the bedside, they take a sign of relief. Her confidence and composure are impressive. Her dedication to our unit is nothing short of extraordinary. We are so very fortunate to work with such an incredible nurse and I'm so honored to share Laura's story with you all.

Thank you for your time in reading this nomination.

Sincerely,

Meghan Walsh  
Clinical Coordinator  
Boston Children's Hospital  
Meghan.walsh@childrens.harvard.edu