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**Re: PCICS Bedside Nursing Excellence Award Nomination**

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Dear Selection Committee,

“Christine is lovingly known as the unit’s mom”.  
-MUSC PCICU Nurses

The pediatric heart team at MUSC would like to nominate Christine Rodgers for consideration for one of the inaugural PCICS Bedside Nursing Excellence Awards. We can think of no one more deserving of this recognition. Christine has been a bedside nurse for 25 years, and 19 years have been served in the pediatric cardiac intensive care unit (PCICU). She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and is a Critical Care Registered Nurse.

Christine has performed many of the roles that outstanding, experienced nurses perform during their tenures: preceptor for new nurses, charge nurse, shared governance chair, dayshift clinical leader (a role she continues to hold) and many others. These leadership roles are sometimes taken for granted but are vital to sustained excellence of the entire nursing team in high performing ICUs.

More so than titles, certifications, and experience, we hope that the words of our heart program team help the selection committee understand what Christine means to our unit, our patients, their families, and us:

“Christine is the backbone of our Heart Center ICU”  
-PCICU Nurse

“Christine is like a constant in a physics equation; she is always there, always the same, unwavering in her dedication to the ICU, its staff, and the patients and families. I have had the privilege of working with her for quite some time and I know the ICU is in good hands when she is charge. Thank you, Christine!!!”  
-PCICU Physician

“Christine spends so much time teaching our patient families CPR prior to discharge. She will spend extra time with our Spanish speaking families to make sure that they feel comfortable taking their child home.”  
-PCICU Nurse

“Christine takes new staff members under her wing and makes sure that they feel welcome. She helped shape many of the nurses in this unit.”

-PCICU Nurse

“Christine does an amazing job leading debriefs after critical events and has a unique ability to make sure everybody participates. Feedback is delivered when needed in a constructive and positive way.”

-PCICU Physician

“Christine was instrumental in bringing Beads of Courage Program to MUSC in 2010 which has helped so many of our patients cope with illness.”

-PCICU Nurse

“Christine is dedicated to our patient population and loves her unit. We are so lucky to have her as our leader.”

-PCICU Nurse

“Consistency, dedication, perseverance, and loyalty mean everything... especially in today's healthcare climate. Christine has been all of that to her patients, fellow nursing colleagues, and entire CICU team. Given the recent challenges related to staffing shortages coupled with increased patient volume/acuity, I have especially appreciated Christine's professionalism, wealth of experience, dedication to supporting less experienced staff members, “can do” and solution-oriented attitude, and focus on delivering the highest quality and compassionate patient care.”

-PCICU Physician

“Christine is always willing to jump in and help. Whether it is feeding a baby, putting in an IV, or helping settle an OR admission, Christine is always there.”

-PCICU Nurse

We hope that every ICU has a nurse like Christine – she is our unit “mom”. We would like to thank the selection committee and PCICS for developing this important award and allowing us the opportunity to recognize Christine with this nomination.

On behalf of our heart team,



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