



# Nursing News September 2021



## Congratulations to:

- **Rebecca O'Brien**, RN, MSN, PCCN, CCRN for her promotion to Assistant Nurse Manager for 5 North. Rebecca comes to 5N from the ICU and has been with Phelps for 15 years. She brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and passion with her and 5 North is the grateful recipient of all. We are privileged to have Rebecca join our team and we all look forward to working with her.  
*Barbara Vetoulis, BSN, RN, CNML Nurse Manger 5North*
- **Jeffrey Rodriguez**, BSN, RN, for his promotion to Assistant Nurse Manager of 1South. Jeff started in 2014 as a Mental Health Worker and then transitioned to the RN role in 2015. Jeff was the Phelps Hospital Rising Star clinical staff nurse in 2016. He left in 2016 and returned as a per diem staff nurse in 2020 before returning full time to inpatient psychiatry. Jeff became the Assistant Nurse Manager earlier this year. Congratulations Jeff! We are all very proud of you as your star continues to rise at Phelps!  
*Doreen Gallagher, DNP, RN, PMH-BC*
- **Ria Samson**, MSN, RN, CCRN, for her new role as a Clinical Professional Development Educator for the Medical Surgical units, 2 North and 5 North. Ria first came to Phelps in August 2008, and has worked in the ICU since that time. She has a Master's in Nursing Education from Mercy College, and a Post-Master's degree in Nursing Administration. As the Nurse Educator, Ria will be helping to support the nurses on the floors with training, answering questions, and bringing her expert knowledge. She has jumped in with the current new group of nurse residents. We are looking forward to her role in Organizational Development.  
*Kelley Kissane, MA/MS, RN, CNOR, Senior Manager, Organizational Development*



- **Rea San Luis**, RN III, VAT for passing the CRNI exam!

### **Organizational Development Department Classes:** **Register in iLearn**

- **Evidence Based Practice Workshop** – September 28, 9am-1pm, Auditorium
- **CPI (Initial)** – September 30, 8am-4pm, Auditorium
- **CPI Renewal** – October 1, 9am-1pm, Auditorium; November 4, 9am-1pm, Auditorium
- **Being in Charge** – October 29, 8:30am-4:30pm, Auditorium
- **Preceptor Workshop** – November 3, 8:30am-4:30pm, Auditorium

Reminder: If you need a BLS classes, they fill up quickly due to COVID restrictions. Register at least 3 months before your card expires by calling Organizational Development at x 3166!

### **Educational Opportunities:**

- Northwell's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Research & EBP Virtual Conference: ***Dissemination & Implementation: Nurses as Influencers*** – November 4 – 5, 2021, 8am – 4pm (see attached). Zoom platform
- Perioperative Grand Rounds: Free 1 hour virtual educational sessions from Northwell starting Sept. 29, 2021(see attached flyer).
- \*LIVE class at Phelps - Special-T Caring for Pediatric Patients: October 26, 2021, Phelps Auditorium. Registration through iLearn, search for Phelps Special-T: Caring for Pediatric Patients". See attached flyer.
- Behavioral Health Inservices via Zoom. See attached flyer for dates and topics. Register by rsvp to [talexandre@northwell.edu](mailto:talexandre@northwell.edu)

### **Upcoming Virtual Certification Reviews**

#### **Psych Mental Health Virtual Certification Review Course:**

**October 12, 14, 19 and 21, 2021**

All sessions are 4:00pm - 7:00pm via Zoom

Employee Price: \$325 for 12.0 Contact Hours

[Click Here for eligibility requirements.](#)

Search "**Psych Mental Health Certification Virtual Fall Review Course 2021**" on iLearn to register for virtual review course.

#### **Nurse Executive Virtual Certification Review Course**

**September 28 and 29, 2021**

All sessions are 4:00pm - 7:00pm via Zoom

Employee Price: \$325 for 12.0 Contact Hours

Groups of 10+ can receive certification exam group discount.

[Click Here for eligibility requirements.](#)

Search "**Nurse Executive Certification Virtual Review Course 2021**" on iLearn to register for virtual review course.

### **\*Medical-Surgical Virtual Certification Review Course**

~~October 19, 21, 26, and 28, 2021~~

**NEW DATES!** Dec 2, 7, 14, and 16

All sessions are 4:00pm - 7:00pm via Zoom

Employee Price: \$325 for 12.0 Contact Hours

[Click Here for eligibility requirements.](#)

Search "**Medical Surgical Certification Virtual Fall Review Course 2021**" to register for virtual review course.

### **\*Ambulatory Virtual Certification Review Course**

September 27, 28, October 4, and 5, 2021 | All sessions are 5:00pm - 8:00pm via Zoom

Employee Price: \$325 for 12.0 Contact Hours

[Click Here for eligibility requirements.](#)

Search "**Ambulatory Certification Virtual Fall Review Course 2021**" on iLearn to register for virtual review course.

**\*\*Medical-Surgical and Ambulatory Certifications - Initial certification exams qualify to be taken under the Northwell Health/ANCC's Success Pays® Program.**

For course outlines, instructor information or ANCC's Success Pays® Program, please contact Ashley Franklin, [afranklin2@northwell.edu](mailto:afranklin2@northwell.edu)

- **Transgender-Affirming Primary Care Conference – Virtual (through Zoom)**, free for NYS clinicians on Wed., November 10, 2021 8:30am-12:30pm. Sponsored by CEI/AHEC (Clinical Education Initiative and Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center. For more information contact Tara Melfi at [Tara.Melfi@mountsiai.org](mailto:Tara.Melfi@mountsiai.org)

## **Skin Champion Class and Renewal Skin Champion Class:**

We are offering two Skin Champion Classes again this year to support all those interested in being a Skin Champion in 2022.

The 2-day **Skin Champion class** is for any nurse that has never taken a Skin Champion class. Those nurses interested in the class must:

1. Get the support of their manager
2. Exchange one 12-hour shift for the 2 classes (each class is 6 hours)
3. Attend two of the four Pressure Injury Prevalence Data collection days in 2022 (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)
4. Be added to the Vocera "Skin Champion pool"

5. Consider becoming a member of the Pressure Injury Resource Team Committee

Dates: **October 15, 2021 and October 22, 2021, 8:00am-2:30pm in the Hoch Center**

The **Skin Champion RENEWAL class** is for any nurse that has taken the Skin Champion classes in the past. Those nurses interested in the class must:

1. Get the support of their manager
2. Exchange one 12-hour shift for the one-day class (7hours) and 4 hours of trailing a WOC Nurse
3. Attend two of the four Pressure Injury Prevalence Data collection days in 2022 (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)
4. Be added to the Vocera "Skin Champion pool"
5. Consider becoming a member of the Pressure Injury Resource Team Committee

**Date: December 6, 2021, 8:00am-2:00pm in the Boardroom**

Any interested nurses must register on iLearn. We are looking forward to the 2022 Skin Champion nurses!

For questions specific to program content, please contact Deborah Reynolds

### **Infection Control and Prevention:    *New Red Biohazard Bins!***

There has been an implementation of red Biohazard bins for lab specimens awaiting pick-up throughout the inpatient units as well as some of the outpatient locations. Lab specimens should still continue to be labeled appropriately and placed in a sealed biohazard bag before being placed in these bins for pick-up.

***Reminder:*** Eating, drinking and storage of food shall be in areas separate from contaminated areas. Staff cannot have drinks or food in the vicinity of the location of this red Biohazard bin. Please discontinue the use of other colored specimen bins.



## **NDNQI – 2021 RN Survey:**

Phelps is a proud member of *The National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators*. We are participating in the **RN Survey** from **September 13, 2021 – October 3, 2021**. **Instructions on how to access the survey are attached**. Note that Google Chrome is the preferred browser. Not compatible on a mobile phone.

**Attached is the updated response report as of 9/24/21.**

**Congratulations to Endo, Ortho 2Center, and the Vascular Access Team for 100% response rate. 5North and 5S not far behind!**

## **NDNQI RN SURVEY COUNTDOWN**

Also wanted to remind you the NDNQI RN Survey Eligibility.

*(Sometimes gets confused with the employee engagement survey which is for all staff that will be taken in December)*

### ***RN Survey Eligibility Criteria***

#### **Eligible RNs who:**

- Are full or part time, regardless of job title
- Spend at least 50% of their time in direct patient care
- Have been employed a minimum of 3 months on the unit by the first day of your survey

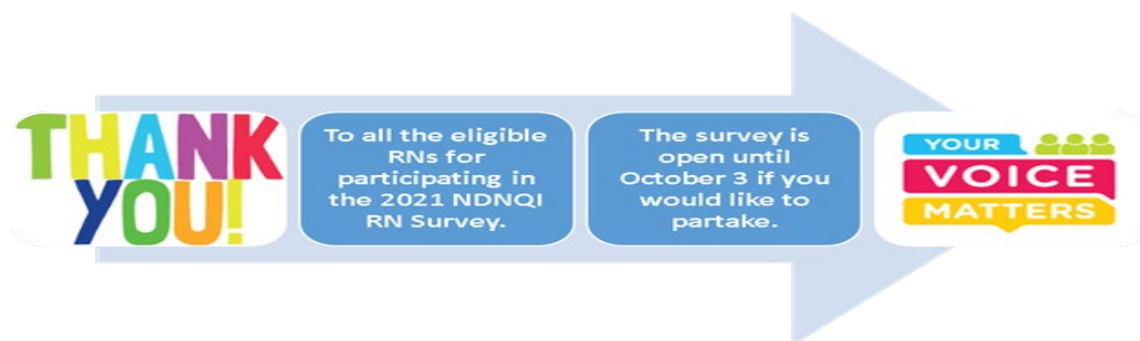
#### **Exclude:**

- Agency or contract RNs
- RNs on a leave of absence (LOA)
- Nurse managers or administrators, who primarily have administrative duties (less than 50% direct patient care responsibilities)
- New hires or internal transfers employed in current unit or workgroup less than 3 months

#### **Eligible RNs who are unit-based should be included as part of their unit**

- Staff nurse RNs
- Advanced practice RNs
- Unit-based PRN or per-diem RNs employed by the hospital

#### **Eligible RNs who are not unit-based can be included as work-group units.**



## **THINK PINK: A New Patient Education Resource**

The Phelps multi-professional Patient Education Committee is proud to announce the new Patient Education Toolkit! The Toolkit is published in a distinct pink hard-covered binder. It can be found in nursing stations throughout Phelps, as well as in other key patient care areas such as inpatient pharmacy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Infusion, and more! The toolkit is also available on the nursing website for easy access under the tab “More”, then “Patient Education Committee”. The link for the toolkit booklet is at the bottom of your screen.

The Pink Binders contain the actual printed version of the toolkit, trivia questions from the booklet and a word search puzzle. Binders should be on unit staff meeting agendas so that everyone knows about this new important resource for patient education, literacy and translation topics. Email any questions to [DGallagher1@northwell.edu](mailto:DGallagher1@northwell.edu)

*Remember to always “Think Pink!” and reach for your toolkit today!*

### **Magnet Moments:**

Happy September!

It was so nice to see many of you last week during our shared governance council meetings as our members shared many ideas, energy and enthusiasm. Please reach out to your unit representatives, attend your unit council meetings and view the Nursing Website to learn more about what was discussed and give your unit representatives your feedback. They represent you. If you don't have a representative, why don't you consider being one?

As we approach our 1st year anniversary of achieving Magnet status (we got the call 10/14/20), we are seeking new members (if your unit is not represented) and chairpersons (New Knowledge & Innovation, Professional Practice & Development councils) to become acclimated for a fresh start in 2022. We will support and mentor you in leading our councils - this experience will be beneficial especially if you are going to school and/or interested in being promoted to the next level or advancing to another role (e.g. nurse educator, assistant nurse manager). Please discuss your interest with your nurse manager and contact Judy Dillworth at [jdillworth@northwell.edu](mailto:jdillworth@northwell.edu).

Thank you,  
Judy

### **Environmental Services:**

Linen, Biohazard Waste and Personal Patient Information are being found inside regular trash bags (see pictures).





Please throw linens in the laundry bins and biohazardous waste in the red covered biohazard containers. Items with PHI should go to appropriate bin for shredding. Used IV bags need to have ANY PHI blacked out with a marker before being disposed of.

**Thank you from EVS!**

If you would like to submit information for publication please contact: Kathy Pappas, Organizational Development, at [kpappas2@northwell.edu](mailto:kpappas2@northwell.edu) or ext. 3169. Thank you to all the contributors.

