

Nursing update



Happy Nurses Week!

You are a nurse—an Ascension Via Christi nurse.
You are just different enough to make a difference.

With integrity and encouraging words,
you show compassion and reduce others' fears.

With empathy and an ear for what matters most,
you show others what caring looks like.

I see you holding patients' hands and calming their fears
and leading others to do the same.

You are a nurse—an Ascension Via Christi nurse.
It's an honor to serve with you!

--Carla Yost, System Chief Nursing Officer

Nurses Week a time of fun, celebration

Activities during this week's Nurses /Healthcare Team Week celebrations have ranged from special Masses and prayer services to distribution of small tokens of appreciation to prize drawings to food and other festivities. To view a photo gallery of the various activities, go to the Source and click on the link. To add to the gallery, send your photos to communications@viachristi.org.

Zero Out for Patient Safety

Via Christi Hospital St. Francis launched an initiative designed to further reduce patients' risk of infection. In just two days, a multi-disciplinary team did a deep clean of the 39,000-square-foot Oncology unit, using traditional sanitizers followed by exposure to pulsating, robot-generated UV lights.

Research has shown that this type of unit-wide approach has helped lower patients' risks elsewhere so Via Christi is trying it out in order to provide another layer of patient safety for patients with compromised immune systems. It was done as collaborative effort involving Quality, Nursing, Environmental Services, Facilities and the manufacturer, which brought in additional robots, which were used to clean all patient rooms; nurse stations, work rooms and storage areas; treatment rooms; and common patient and family support areas.

"This effort embodies the kind of teamwork that we're celebrating this week," says Yost.