

# Nursing update



## **All for one, one for all!**

Ascension recently recognized Via Christi with three awards based on 2016 ministry-wide performance: Exceptional Improvement in HCAHPS, Most Improved Recurring Operating Margin and Greatest Reduction in FTE per AOB.

“These are definitely teamwork awards due to the gifts and talents of our associates across our ministry,” says Todd Conklin, chief operating officer. System CNO Carla Yost agrees, adding that these awards—and the significant improvement that led to Via Christi receiving them—would not have been possible without the tremendous contributions made by the nurses and the caregivers who provide care at the bedside.

Says Yost: “They’re proof that when we work together to more efficiently use our resources, we can improve patients’ care experience at the same time.”

Congratulations and thanks for your continued work in these areas!

## **Nurses Week: It’ll be here in no time**

Planning for Nurses Week, being celebrated this year on May 6 - 12, soon will be getting started! Nursing leadership would like to get your ideas and suggestions so that they can be incorporated into the decisions made around this year’s celebration. Please send them to [carla.yost@viachristi.org](mailto:carla.yost@viachristi.org).

## **Free meal, hour of CNE credit in February**

Neurologist Romila “Dr. Romie” Mushtaq, MD, a nationally known expert on mindfulness training, will be the keynote speaker at this year’s Women’s Fair—and the presenter of a free continuing education session at Via Christi.

As a Via Christi clinician, you’ll have two opportunities to enjoy a free meal, hear her presentation, “Frazzled to Focused: Rewire Your Brain For Creativity and Innovation,” and earn one nursing contact hour on Friday, Feb. 17.

- Brunch: 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Via Christi Hospital St. Francis, Guadalupe Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Lunch: Noon to 1:30 p.m. at Via Christi Hospital St. Joseph, McNamara Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Again, the event is free, but pre-registration through myLearning is required.