



## All in for hand hygiene

Two years ago, Via Christi launched its "Clean Hands Save Lives" campaign and made a significant impact in caregivers' compliance with hand hygiene. That campaign was built on the premise that while we all understand the connection between hand hygiene to patient safety, there's a natural reluctance to speak up and bring a missed opportunity to the attention of their teammates. As a reminder, we were all asked to simply tap our badge as a discreet reminder if we observed someone failing to use proper hand hygiene either entering or exiting a patient room.

Knowing that hand hygiene is the most effective way to stop the spread of infections, **this is a discreet reminder of that campaign and the continued need to put patients first and help ensure safe care.**

Go to the Source and search hand hygiene to view Via Christi's Clean Hands campaign tool kit.

## Professional development

Thirty-five portfolios of fiscal year 2017 accomplishments were submitted for review as part of Nursing's Professional Development Program, including six from Manhattan and 29 from Wichita. As part of this year's program, participants partnered with their nursing manager to help their team achieve at least two outcome goals.

"Their participation contributes to the advanced education that is integral to our Via Christi culture," says Carla Yost, system chief nursing officer for Via Christi Health. "By encouraging professional development in Nursing, our entire ministry will be strong and better for it."

Notifications of acceptance will go out next month.

## Internal advancements

Pat Edwards, RN, who joined Via Christi in March 2013, has been promoted to director of Clinical Education and Practice and will continue to serve as the nurse staffing lead. "Pat brings more than 15 years' experience in nursing leadership and the demonstrated ability to see the big picture while attending to the details," says Yost. "She has been and will continue to serve as an excellent role model"

Michelle Armbrister, RN, who has served at Via Christi for more than 25 years, including 12 years in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and 14 in nursing leadership, has been promoted to director of Women's and Infant Services at Via Christi Hospital St. Joseph. "Her combination of experience and proven fit with our mission and values made her the best possible candidate for this important role," says Julianna Rieschick, chief nursing officer for St. Joseph.