MercyOne Des Moines nurses receive recognition at emergency nurse conference

Two MercyOne Des Moines nurses received awards at the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) conference, held April 30, 2021. The ENA’s mission is to advance excellence in emergency nursing through education, collaboration and compassion.

Moni Remec-Pritchard, RN, BSN, Pediatric Emergency Department Supervisor, has worked in the Peds ED for 20 years and was recognized with the Leadership Award. This award is for leaders who have made exemplary contributions to their departments and/or the emergency nursing profession. Moni was nominated by Angelee Kauzlarich, ED Clinical Resource Nurse who said, “Moni displayed a true servant’s heart during this pandemic. She found a way to bring positivity and eagerness to her staff as they cared for populations outside of pediatrics. When uncontrollable changes were being made, she inspired others to believe it was going to be ok.”

Sarah Eason, RN, BS, CEN, EMT, Trauma Program Manager has been at MercyOne for 16 years. She worked 5 years in the ED and 7 years as a flight nurse with AirMEd (she still flies PRN). Sarah was awarded the Frontline Nurse award which recognizes a nurse who provides exceptional care, is a clinical resource for other staff, and who you would want caring for your family. Sarah was nominated by the Trauma Services staff and surgeons who wrote, “Sarah excels in emergency and trauma care, whether the setting is in a ditch, on the helicopter or in the ED – her critical thinking and technical skills are top-notch and she serves as a role model to many.”

Congratulations, Moni Remec-Pritchard and Sarah Eason!

Mayin Lin, MD takes a closer look at colon cancer diagnosis

The MercyOne Des Moines Surgical Group is proud to share Dr. Mayin Lin, Colorectal Surgeon, recently received The Southern California Society of Colon Rectal and Surgeons (ASCRS) Award for the abstract entitled “Association of Medicaid Expansion with Earlier Colon Cancer Stage at Diagnosis”. The award was announced during the live ASCRS Annual Meeting and State of the Society Address on April 27.

Dr. Lin’s abstract utilized the National Cancer Database to examine the impacts of Medicaid expansion on stage at diagnosis of colon cancer. Comprehensive health care reform with the passage of the Affordable Care Act attempted to increase access to health services. Dr. Lin’s study found that the adoption of Medicaid expansion led to an earlier diagnosis of colon cancer, and identified race, socioeconomic status, and the rural setting to be factors that led to disparities in patient care. The impact of these factors, as well as Medicaid...
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expansion, needs to be further evaluated, especially with regards to effect on overall survival.

Dr. Shankar Raman, Medical Director of MercyOne Des Moines National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer (NAPRC) program congratulated Dr. Lin for her efforts, “We are very proud of Dr. Lin’s work and interest in social determinants of health and health care outcomes. This work is very meaningful as MercyOne’s mission is to care for the underserved and improve care for all patients.”

Blood drive update

On Friday, May 14, MercyOne Air Med co-hosted their annual blood drive with LifeServe, bringing in 120 units of blood. This year’s drive also attracted 141 registered donors, with 13 first-time donors.

EMS Heroes celebrated

In honor of EMS Week, we want to recognize and celebrate our EMS Heroes who give tirelessly and selflessly to save the lives of others. With a fleet of nine regional ambulances and two regional air ambulances (four state-wide!), it is our dedicated ground and flight crew who provide the first moments of crucial care to our patients 24/7.

Harms to be highlighted in AANP film

Dixie Harms, ARNP (middle) from the MercyOne Comfort Health Center for Women has been selected by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) to film an interview regarding the great care she provides, specific to diabetic patients. The AANP will spotlight nurse practitioners throughout the United States – and Dixie was chosen for the Midwest.

Also, pictured is Tyneisha Orr (left), Nursing Practice Student from University of Iowa. Dixie is preceptor for Orr, a FNP/PNP/Doctorate of Nursing Practice Student from the University of Iowa.

Celebrating Healthcare Week 2021 in a sweet way

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