

Celebrating teamwork, communication, achievement, and excellence



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the Fall 2025 edition of UC Davis Nurse. As I reflect on this past season, I am continually inspired by the dedication, innovation, and compassion that UC Davis Health nurses bring to our patients, families,

and community. Every day, your commitment to excellence strengthens our health system and advances the future of nursing.

This issue celebrates many of your achievements and initiatives. You will read about the profound impact of Relationship-Based Care at the bedside, the national recognition of UC Davis Medical Center as a Baby-Friendly Hospital, and the vital work of our nurses in raising awareness for conditions such as delirium. You'll also see how our teams are giving back to the community through projects like Totes for Seniors and inspiring the next generation of health care professionals through high school tours.


These stories reflect the heart of UC Davis Health nursing—advancing care through clinical expertise, innovation, advocacy, and compassion. Together, we continue to shape a culture where excellence, equity, and inclusivity thrive.

Thank you for the extraordinary care you provide and for the countless ways you uplift one another and the patients we serve.

With gratitude,

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## Nursing Spotlight: Relationship-Based Care

UC Davis Health nurses demonstrate their commitment to excellence every day through their practice of providing high-quality patient care, supporting colleagues and influencing change in their work environments. This Nursing Excellence Spotlight offers an in-depth look at one bedside nurse who lives and breathes the principles of Relationship-Based Care (RBC) every day.



**Jerry Bambao,**  
ANII Tower 4

***How long have you been a nurse at UC Davis Health? In what roles?***

My time at UC Davis Health started when I became a Student Nurse Extern in 2006. I transitioned to a new grad in May of 2006. In 2014, I transitioned to a CNIII and then to my current role as an AN2 in 2016.

***Tell us what drew you to Relationship-Based Care and how you became a facilitator?***

I became a facilitator soon after I attended SMAAP and facilitator training. I felt as though the therapeutic practices resonated with me.

***How do you define Relationship-Based Care in your own words?***

Addressing someone's condition and their emotions by implementing our health care knowledge and doing so with love and compassion.

***As a facilitator, how do you support and guide the implementation of RBC practices?***

Mostly, I try to lead by example and assess where others may be in their journey. Depending on the situation, I try to point out how staff have promoted the RBC practices.

### *How do you handle resistance or skepticism from team members regarding RBC implementation?*

In short, I remind myself that everyone has a backstory and recognize that it is not uncommon to see people become jaded and/or burnt out. I would see staff be more resistant to RBC when interacting with a patient or family member with difficult behavior. When these situations occur, I try to communicate from the perspective of the patient or family member and explain why therapeutic practices are important especially during this time. I communicate how others learn, both positively and negatively, and how to handle stressful situations based on their own experiences. Though I may have an understanding of how one would react, I would not agree that taking out anger towards staff was the answer.



Jerry Bambao and Sal Mislang

### *How do you coach or mentor colleagues to strengthen their therapeutic relationships with patients and families?*

I try to point out when a connection has been made and the impact it has had.

### *Can you give an example of how RBC improved a patient or family's experience?*

Tower 4 has had many staff recognized within the last couple of years both individually and as a team. In one instance, it was recognizing the moment and providing the space and time to allow a wife to grieve her husband as she sang to him. In another case, a nurse shared her love for poetry with a patient, and it impacted that patient's outlook in life. In years past, we were notified how a former patient's family member became a nurse because she was impressed by the care provided. More recently, we had a former preceptee come visit a family member. She remembered some staff and seemed at ease, as if she trusted us. What made it more magical was that the nurse caring for her loved one was her former preceptor.

### *What role does RBC play in improving patient outcomes and staff satisfaction?*

When you develop that connection with a patient, you're more likely to catch subtle cues when something seems off. I believe you can interact more often and would be

able to intervene more quickly as well. When there is a disconnect, avoiding situations can occur.

### *How has practicing and promoting RBC impacted your own professional growth?*

I feel as though I've been able to connect with many others around the hospital. I believe it has also enhanced my leadership and interpersonal skills.

### *What do you find most rewarding about being an RBC facilitator?*

Though I may be facilitating, I feel lucky to also attend the workshop every few months and listen to how others implement the therapeutic practices on a daily basis. It's also a great feeling when someone says, "Jerry!" out in the hallways and I remember them from the class. ■

## UC Davis Medical Center Receives Prestigious Baby-Friendly Designation

UC Davis Medical Center has been officially redesignated as a Baby-Friendly Hospital. After a rigorous review process, Baby-Friendly USA bestowed this certification to the Sacramento region's nationally ranked medical center. UC Davis Medical Center was first designated a Baby-Friendly Hospital in 2020.

This distinguished honor demonstrates that UC Davis Medical Center continues to adhere to the highest breastfeeding standards of care. These standards are built on practices consistent with the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding and are compliant with The International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes.

UC Davis Medical Center is part of a growing list of roughly 600 Baby-Friendly hospitals and birth centers in the United States. These facilities provide an environment that supports breastfeeding while respecting the patient's right to make the best decision for their baby and themselves.

"We are extremely proud to be recognized for the hard work of our team members throughout the Baby-Friendly process," said Brenda Chagolla, associate chief nursing officer at UC Davis Children's Hospital. "Our team is committed to equipping new parents with the support, education and resources needed to successfully initiate breastfeeding and continue breastfeeding when they go home."

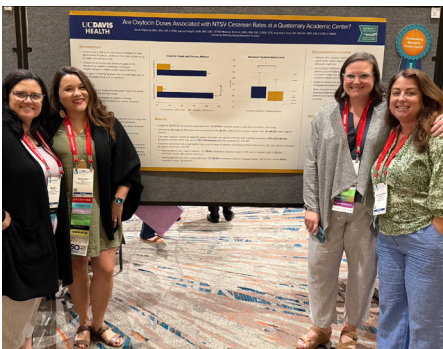


Baby-Friendly USA is the accrediting body and national authority for the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) in the United States. Baby-Friendly USA is responsible for upholding the highest standards in infant feeding care by coordinating and conducting all activities necessary to confer the prestigious Baby-Friendly designation and ensure the widespread adoption of the BFHI in the US. Learn more about Baby-Friendly USA and the BFHI at [www.babyfriendlyusa.org](http://www.babyfriendlyusa.org). ■



## Outstanding Research Award at AWHONN 2025

The UC Davis Health team had a successful Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN)



Melany Stricklin, MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM, Angelique Silva, MS, NEA-BC, RNC-OB, C-EFM, C-ONQS, Sarah Caporale, BSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM, and Alecia Farsight, MSN, RNC-OB

Sarina Fazio, PhD, RN, for all of the support she gave the team over the last year and to the amazing medical

2025 national convention in Orlando, Florida. The team shared all of their work over the last year with five posters, and they won the award for Outstanding Research. Huge thank you to

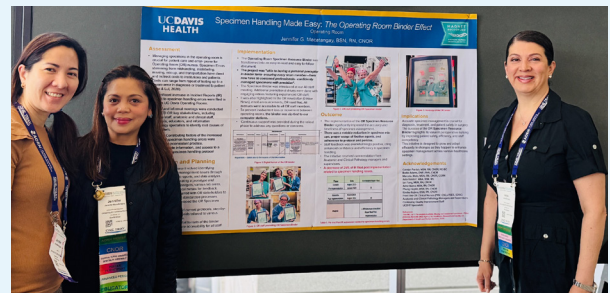
director, Dr. Debra Swanson, for her collaboration with the nursing team. This work was led by nurse educator, Alecia Farsight, whose vision of leading in research is coming to fruition ■

## Dissemination Corner

### AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo 2025, Boston, MA



Jennifer Vergara, MSN, BSN, RN, CNOR, Christine Evans, BSN, RN, CNOR and Aida M. Benitez, MBA, BSN, RN, CNOR



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### European Wound Management Association Conference 2025, Barcelona, Spain



Lisa Peterson, MSN, RN, CNOR

# World Delirium Day 2025: Raising Awareness and Empowering Care

Delirium is a sudden and severe disturbance that causes confusion, disorientation, and reduced awareness of surroundings. It remains one of the most under-recognized and under-treated conditions in healthcare. To address this critical issue, the global medical community observes World Delirium Awareness Day (WDAD) annually on the second Wednesday of March.

The significance of WDAD lies in its mission to highlight the widespread impact of delirium, particularly among vulnerable populations such as older adults and critically ill patients. Despite its prevalence, delirium is frequently misdiagnosed or overlooked, leading to serious consequences including prolonged hospital stays, increased mortality, and long-term cognitive decline.



UC Davis Health proudly joined the global observance of World Delirium Awareness Day through a hospital-wide educational campaign led by Geriatric Resource Nurses (GRNs). This collaborative effort included dedicated participants from various units: Lauren Coco, Courtney McNamara, and Sunitha Sunkara from Davis 8; Katie Young and Diane Boyer from East 6; Dinh Ta and Catherine Boyd from Davis 14; Reanne Takara from Tower 7; and Marcia Ochoa from Tower 4. The campaign was also joined by Swapna Peter, who helped extend delirium awareness efforts to the Emergency Department.

Together, this enthusiastic team visited every acute care unit and ICU, engaging staff through interactive activities such as “Spin the Wheel,” which provided just-in-time education to nurses, providers, students, volunteers, and other hospital personnel. The campaign emphasized the importance of delirium



screening tools, such as CAM-ICU and NuDESC and offered guidance on their appropriate use and documentation. In addition, the team shared evidence-based strategies for delirium prevention and management, reinforcing the role of early recognition and intervention in improving patient outcomes.

Ultimately, World Delirium Awareness Day is more than a date on the calendar. It is a global movement to transform how delirium is perceived and treated. At UC Davis Health, this commitment was brought to life through the collaborative efforts of our Geriatric Resource Nurses and interdisciplinary teams, who championed education, engagement, and advocacy across the hospital. By fostering collaboration, enhancing clinical knowledge, and promoting systemic change, both globally and locally, WDAD empowers healthcare systems and communities, including ours at UC Davis Health, to better support those affected by this complex and often devastating condition. ■

## Totes for Seniors

Sacramento County’s Senior and Adult Services division recently received a heartwarming and generous donation of care totes from the Geriatric Resource Nurse Committee at UC Davis Health. The dozens of totes were packed with essential hygiene items and activity books that will help vulnerable older adults in Sacramento County. The Geriatric Resource Nurse Committee has donated totes to the County for several years.

The totes include toothbrushes, toothpaste, toiletries, activity books and other helpful items designed to bring comfort and support to those in need. The totes were





delivered to Sacramento County's Adult Protective Services (APS), where staff members will distribute them to clients.

In the beginning of March 2025, the GRN Committee launched our "Totes for Seniors" program with a flyer outlining the items we hoped to collect. To support the effort, Joleen Lonigan generously purchased 100 multicolored tote bags. Her team attached flyers to each one, and the totes were distributed at the PCS Council meeting to all nurse managers, as well as to each unit's GRN Resource Nurse to kick off the collection drive. Over the course of two months, essential personal items such as nonskid socks, body wash, lotion, puzzle books, toothpaste, calendars, and more were gathered.

This initiative was part of the ongoing partnership with Adult Protective Services of Sacramento County, aimed at supporting older adults in need. The collection officially ended in May 2025 with 86 Totes for Seniors generously filled! There were also extra bulk items such as tissues, body wash, and blankets. The truck that delivered the items was overflowing with vibrant, thoughtfully packed totes filled with much-needed items.

This meaningful partnership between UC Davis Health and Sacramento County reflects a shared commitment to supporting the dignity, health and well-being of older adults in the community. Donations like these go a long way in promoting connection, comfort and care for those who need it most.

Adult Protective Services expressed heartfelt gratitude for the generosity and care shown through each bag. Thank you all for your time, dedication, and kindness. The contributions made a meaningful difference in the lives of our older adults. ■



## Cultural Grand Rounds

### Honoring Our Roots: Celebrating Filipino American Heritage and Leadership in Healthcare

UC Davis Health's PCS DEI Council, in collaboration with the Philippine Nurses Association—California Capital City Chapter (PNAC3), hosted a powerful and inspiring Cultural Excellence Grand Rounds,



titled "Honoring Our Roots: Creating History Through 'Bayanihan'." The event commemorated Philippine Independence Day and celebrated the enduring legacy and contributions of Filipino Americans in the United States, particularly in healthcare.

With over 40 attendees, the event fostered a vibrant atmosphere of learning, connection, and cultural pride. Guests were welcomed with authentic Filipino cuisine, adding a flavorful and festive touch to the celebration.

The program began with a warm welcome from Martin Gonzalez (Chair of the PCS DEI Council) and Denise Angelo Prudencio (VP of PNAC3), FFMNRCSI, who emphasized the importance of cultural recognition and unity. Dr. Prudencio, a nurse educator and Filipino immigrant, shared his personal reflections on the significance of learning Filipino American history, highlighting the transformative impact of understanding one's roots.

Leadership Address by Joleen Lonigan, DNP, RN, NE-BC, FACHE, who underscored the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion in healthcare leadership.

"Filipino Footprints: A Journey Through American History" by Erwin Mina and June Bond explores the historical journey and cultural resilience of Filipino Americans.

"Creating History Through 'Bayanihan'" by Zyrene Marh, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, and Voltaire Sinigayan, MD, highlighted the spirit of communal unity and collaboration that defines Filipino culture and its relevance in healthcare settings.

The event concluded with remarks from Amie

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Ragasa-Sta Maria (PNAC3 Board of Directors and Education Chair), followed by networking and evaluation. Attendees left with



a deeper appreciation for Filipino American heritage and a renewed commitment to fostering inclusive environments in healthcare.

This Grand Rounds was more than a celebration—it was a call to action. As Dr. Prudencio eloquently stated, “Learning and sharing this history is not only a way to honor those who came before us but a challenge to continue advocating for representation, mentorship, and social justice.”

By honoring the past and empowering the present, UC Davis Health and PNAC3 continue to build a future rooted in cultural excellence, equity, and unity.

## High School Tour Peeks Behind the Healthcare Curtain

Ten high school students and a few adult chaperones squeezed into a clean supply room at the Ambulatory Care Center’s Internal Medicine clinic. Boxes of pipettes, absorbent bed pads and surgical gloves of every size lined the shelves. A refrigerator full of specialty medications hummed in the background. The clinic’s practice manager Noah Gilchrist brought the students to the supply room to illustrate an important point: Health care requires all kinds of people, not just doctors and nurses. They need procurement partners to stock supplies and instruments, inventory medicine, and test the wall sensors that regulate the supply room’s temperature and humidity levels.



“All staff come from different backgrounds, but they all want to care for people. That’s what they have in common,” said Gilchrist.

The group of students was one of five roaming UC Davis Health’s campus in early April — 50 high school seniors and juniors in all. They are part of the Elk Grove Unified School District’s medical careers pathway at their school, Cosumnes Oaks. The program offers a three-course curriculum for students interested in pursuing careers in health care.

After they filed off the bus at the hospital’s main entrance, the students gathered around Greg Woods, nurse leader and manager of the Medical Pathway Connect program.



“I like to refer to UC Davis as a small town,” said Woods. A hospital system needs all kinds of workers, from medical assistants to social workers to electricians, he added. It takes all kinds of people to make this work. “In a sense, we are all connected at UC Davis Health.”

The students split into their cohorts. Group 4 was led by Darrell Desmond, a nurse manager who has worked at UC Davis Health for 22 years. “To be in health care, there are two requirements,” he told students. “Number one, you must like people. Number two, you must have empathy.” The rest will fall into place.

From the hospital roundabout, group 4 walked to the Ambulatory Care Center, where they toured Internal Medicine and learned about specialties like nephrology and endocrinology. They visited the fine needle aspiration room where care teams diagnose thyroid conditions. They spoke with medical assistants who had worked as hair stylists or in food service before eventually choosing health care.

“Every job you have, those skills are transferable to some part of health care,” said Gilchrist, who started his



career as a lifeguard before eventually earning his MBA degree.

Next stop was the Cardiology clinic, where students heard from Nurse Leaders Ed Nicolas and Jessica Parker. They explained that the job of clinical care was to invest in patients' preventive and long-term care, and ideally, keep them out of the hospital.



They led students to the lively and colorful cardiac rehabilitation space, where several patients rode stationary bicycles and walked on treadmills as therapists supervised. They were curious, asking questions about heart monitors and heart-friendly diets.

The rest of the day's tour was spent in the East Tower Neurology unit and main hospital distribution center — followed by lunch and a series of speakers, from pharmacy to administration and more.

The Pathways program fits with UC Davis Health's vision to transform, mentor, and train the future of health care.

"UC Davis Health is a teaching institution, and our staff take that very seriously," said Woods. "I want students to experience that same feeling that I feel daily and to see their potential future careers in action."

It worked for junior Sofia Dodson, who dreams of becoming a surgeon. "[The tour] was truly an eye-opening experience that fueled my passion to join health care," she said. "Being able to see the amazing staff members and the passion that everyone has at UC Davis Health consolidated my resolve to join the medical field." ■

## Advanced Practice Provider Recognition

The UC Davis Office of Advanced Practice would like to take a moment to recognize our advanced practice workforce.

We are proud to recognize National Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Week, taking place from September 22 to 26, 2025. This year's national theme, "Racing Toward the Future: Celebrating APPs," underscores the essential contributions of advanced practice providers. APP Week is a nationwide initiative that brings together the advanced practice community, offering opportunities to connect, celebrate achievements, and highlight the impact of APPs across the nation.

The APP workforce includes certified nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants. Each of these professionals is crucial to delivering high-quality, patient-centered care. This week is dedicated to honoring the advanced practice profession, raising awareness, and recognizing the unwavering commitment of APPs everywhere. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to UC Davis APPs for their dedication and outstanding service to our patients. ■





## Meet our Professional Governance Chairs and Co-Chairs

### Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Council



**Nicole Nichols**  
*Chair*



**Jimmi Parmer**  
*Co-Chair*

### Evidence Based Practice (EBP) and Research Council



**Celia Pena**  
*Chair*

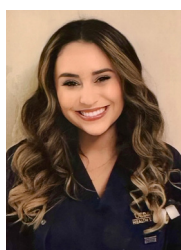


**Kristine Strohbin**  
*Co-Chair*

### Clinical Practice Council (CPC)



**Amanda Blanc**  
*Chair*



**Melissa Garcia Garcia**  
*Co-Chair*

### Governance Council



**Dhivya Valluvan**  
*Chair*



**Shelbie Allen**  
*Co-Chair*

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Council



**Martin Gonzalez**  
*Chair*



**Ana Onofre Leon**  
*Co-Chair*

### Professional Development Council



**Esmerelda Singh**  
*Chair, Direct Care*

### Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Council



**Kristina Crowley**  
*Chair*



**Darlene Simons**  
*Co-Chair*

### Quality & Safety Council



**Olivia Koza**  
*Chair*



**Heidi Jones**  
*Co-Chair*



# Nursing Science and Professional Governance Conference

The 7th annual Nursing Science and Professional Governance Conference was held in May during Nurses Week, and was hosted by the EBP & Research Council and the Center for Nursing Science. The conference had 571 in-person and virtual attendees! It showcased 65 evidenced-based practice, quality improvement, and research initiatives accomplished by nurses and interdisciplinary teams at UC Davis Health. The program featured a keynote panel, podium presentations, lightning sessions, and poster presentations. During the lunch provided by Thank Goodness For Staff, attendees had the opportunity to engage with industry representatives sharing their innovation and technology devices.

This year's keynote session consisted of an expert panel moderated by Christine Williams, MS, RN, CNS, Chief Nursing Executive and Chief Nursing Informatics Officer. Panel participants included Jason Adams, MD, MS, Medical Director, IT Data Center of Excellence; Vanessa McElroy, MSN, ACM-RN, PHN, IQCI, Director of Care Transition and Population Health Care Management; and Kristina Crowley, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing Informatics. Informed by questions submitted in advance of the event, the discussion, "Transforming Care: Embracing Technology, Governance, and Innovation in Nursing and Healthcare" provided a compelling and forward-thinking discussion on the transformative role of technology in nursing and healthcare. The session brought together experts who shared real-world insights into how innovations like artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning are reshaping the healthcare landscape. The panel explored how these technologies are being applied to improve patient care and streamline clinical workflows. Panelists highlighted successful implementations and discussed how digital tools are empowering healthcare professionals to deliver better outcomes. The conversation also addressed critical issues such as data



governance, security, and the reliability of AI-generated guidance. Attendees gained a deeper understanding of the evolving roles of healthcare professionals in a technologically enabled environment and left with a renewed sense of possibility for the future of care.



This year, top honors went to six different abstracts, representing the six pillars of the UC Davis Health Nursing Strategic Plan. Beverly Garber, ANP-BC, CORLN, Nurse Practitioner III, Otolaryngology / Head and Neck Surgery presented her work, "Reducing Radiation Delay After Surgery for Head and Neck Cancer" which received the top honor for the Strategic Pillar category of Advance Clinical, Quality, and Operational Excellence. Justin Massaro, BSN, RN, Stroke Coordinator, Stroke Program was recognized for his work with the Stroke Team regarding "AI and Stroke: Use of Viz.ai to Streamline Large Vessel Occlusion Transfers" in the Strategic Pillar category of Develop a Regional System of Care. Christine Teklehaimanote, MSN, GNP-BC, Nurse Practitioner II, Hematology / Oncology shared her work related to "Sickle Cell Disease Peer Mentoring Group to Improve Quality of Life" that is in the Strategic Pillar category of Develop Exceptional Patient and Care Team Experiences. Cherie Noll, DNP, RN, CCRN, CPN and Kelly Greenburg, MSN, RN, CPN, Pre-op / PACU / CSC presented "Post-Anesthesia Discharge Education to Meet Patients' Diverse Needs" in their top honor presentation aligned with the Strategic Pillar category of Advance Health Equity and Address Disparities. Mary Ngo, RN, CCRN, Quality Improvement Healthcare Specialist, Heart and Vascular Center, presented "the Heart and Vascular" Center work in "Optimizing Elective PCI Practices: Enhancing Same-Day Discharge Rates"

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that received recognition in the Strategic Pillar category of Develop and Grow Integrated Patient-Centric Service Lines. Jessica Miles, MS, RN, CNS, AOCNS, BMTCN, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Oncology / Stem Cell Transplant, shared her work, “Unraveling Blinatumomab-associated Neurotoxicity: Incidence and Interventions,” recognized in the Strategic Pillar category of Advance Research, Innovation & Information Technology.

Two poster awards were presented this year. The People’s Choice award was presented to the Operating Room for their poster, “Specimen Handling Made Easy: The Operating Room Binder Effect.” A new award from the EBP and Research Council was given to Maxima Balais, RN, MSN, CCRN, CRN from Radiology, for her poster “The Benefits of Music Therapy for Non-Sedation Procedures.” In-person attendees enjoyed giveaways, and an afternoon treat.

Additionally, a new phone and web-based application made in-person and virtual attendance easier to navigate. The app also supported voting for the People’s Choice award and offered social media-style engagement with attendees posting photos from the day. Presentations including posters and podium presentations are available for viewing via the app platform on the web or in the app. See the Center for Nursing Science 2025 Conference webpage for more details. Save the date for next year’s conference, which will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, with abstracts due January 31, 2026. ■

## Transitions of Care Program, Part 2

In the last UC Davis Nurse newsletter, The Transitions of Care (TOC) Program and the nurses of the Care Transition Domain, including the Multi-Visit Patient (MVP) nurses and the Nurse Call Team were introduced. In this edition, the focus is on the Care Coordination Domain, which incorporates our skilled nursing facility partnerships providing support to patients transitioning to a lower level of care.

### Meet the Care Coordination Team

The Care Coordination Team is designed to coordinate, manage, and deliver high-quality patient care to our patients and clinical teams. The Care Coordination Team is represented by: Cahtrina Bilog, Turkessa Flowers, John Fouania, Carolina Garcia, Lynn Greenhow, Jasmine Gross, Cynthia Jauregui, Crystal Liddell, Angelica Llerena, Lilia Lor, Mariam Merajee, Denise Mercado, Luisa Naranjo, Nanetta Ogden, Loyda Ramos, Marissa Ramirez, Paloma Ramirez, Exzavian Rodriguez, Michelle Saephanh, Sharon Saefong, Nok Sihabout, Randika Segran, Adrian Singh, and Mally Xiong.



### *Tell us about the Care Coordination Program:*

TOC Health Navigators and Care Coordinators are an extremely busy team that provides support for patients, families, and staff. Prior to the establishment of the TOC Care Coordination Program, many nurses, case managers, and physicians spent countless hours arranging post-discharge care for their patients. Since the program was put in place, navigator services can be activated by submitting a care coordination request through the EMR or during one of the many multidisciplinary huddles the team attends.



Health Navigators and Care Coordinators are embedded throughout the hospital, supporting patients in the emergency department, inpatient units, ambulatory care settings, and through partnerships with skilled nursing facilities. Their role is structured to support patients both at the bedside and telephonically by scheduling post-discharge follow-up appointments and assisting with community resource linkage.

In FY25 alone, TOC Care Coordinators and Navigators supported more than 21,000 patients across all areas.

The Emergency Room Health Navigators support patients with timely follow-up within UC Davis or with external community providers. In FY25, about 55% of appointments scheduled by Health Navigators were with external providers, showing the impact of this service in providing access to care and resources for patients.

The LINC (Linkage, Integration, and Navigation of Community Resources) Team is dedicated to care coordination of resources for high-risk ambulatory care patients, focusing on addressing social care needs. Care Coordinator roles assist patients with scheduling specialty referral appointments to ensure patients receive the necessary support and resources when transitioning back into the community. The LINC Team works very closely with Outpatient Comprehensive Care Managers, a team of nurses and social workers dedicated to managing the longitudinal care of complex UC Davis Health patients.

#### *Please describe a typical day:*

TOC Health Navigators and Care Coordinators work closely with all interdisciplinary teams. Their work is primarily activated by nurses, case managers, and physicians. Collectively, Health Navigators and Care Coordinators prioritize patients needing urgent follow-up appointments and community resource linkage when transitioning from the hospital to the community.

Our TOC Care Coordinators meet patients at the bedside and are experts in identifying insurance plans to connect patients with their assigned PCP or establishing care. Their knowledge of community programs provides pathways to connect our patients with food banks, transportation, and housing resources. The workflows created within the Care Coordination domain reflect the commitment to enhancing patient care and ensuring individuals receive comprehensive support for seamless transitions and improved health outcomes. ■

## The Future of Nurse Anesthesiology at UC Davis: Our Inaugural Class is a UC First!

Three-plus years ago, Dr. Lubarsky and leadership from Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine Department collaborated with the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing on the idea of launching a Doctor of Nursing Practice – Nurse Anesthesia degree program at UC Davis. The leaders saw an opportunity to expand nurse anesthesia education to address a statewide workforce challenge, including providing certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) for UC Davis Health.



Since that idea phase, some key individuals have changed, some amazing folks joined the concerted effort, and the health system remained a formidable partner. Fast forward to 2025 and our new CRNA doctoral program achieved its accreditation in an unprecedented timeframe thanks to the hard work of the program's director Dr. Jakkarin Sareerak D.N.P., C.R.N.A., C.H.S.E., its new faculty members, and the School of Nursing.

More than 450 applications were submitted in the fall of 2024 for the inaugural cohort, indicating the popularity and reputation of the program. In June of this year, the 16 aspiring nurse anesthetists embarked upon their nurse anesthesia journey, becoming the first students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice - Nurse Anesthesia

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(DNP-NA) program. The degree represents the sixth doctoral nurse anesthesia program in the state of California and the first in the UC system.



Dylan Scalzo and Dominique Perry

### By the numbers:

- 40 applicants were interviewed for the inaugural cohort of 16 students, which included students from Sacramento, the Bay Area, Ukiah, Fresno, Chico and San Diego.
- The inaugural cohort matriculated in June of 2025 and will graduate in summer 2028.
- The current cohort will begin clinical rotations at UC Davis Health in the fall of 2026. Students' clinical experience will branch out to include other health systems so students can complete the robust number of cases required for graduation; UC Davis Health will be a foundational partner in the students' clinical education.
- The program is an exciting opportunity to connect UC Davis learners with UC Davis Health anesthesiology/CRNA professionals.

### About the program:

The DNP-NA program is an integrated, full-time, three-year curriculum designed to equip experienced critical care registered nurses (RNs) with the knowledge and hands-on training required to become CRNAs. The program blends rigorous online coursework with in-person simulation training and extensive clinical experience, ensuring students receive a comprehensive and immersive education.



Jakkarin Sareerak DNP,  
CRNA, CHSE,  
Program Director

Over the next three years of the program, students start with online classes and short in-person training, then move into hospital rotations that grow longer and more advanced each year. By the third year, they work nearly full-time in real clinical settings, gaining hands-on experience while finishing a final scholarly project.

### Meeting the need

With 40 million residents, the state has a growing need for anesthesia services, especially as its aging population requires more procedures. The demand for anesthesia providers continues to outpace supply nationwide. By 2033, the anesthesiology workforce, including anesthesiologists, CRNAs and assistants, may experience a shortage of approximately 12,500 providers. CRNAs help address the shortage because they are highly trained to give anesthesia safely and can provide the same care, especially in places where there aren't enough doctors.



In addition, non-operating-room anesthesia facilities are increasing due to technological advancements, which require more anesthesia care beyond traditional surgical settings. Such is the case with the 48X Complex at UC Davis Health. Since the grand opening on July 1, this \$589 million modern surgical center has expanded the capacity of rooms for adult same-day surgical procedures. ■



## BE FAST HERO Awards - New Recognition to highlight lifesaving action

The Stroke Team is excited to share a new staff recognition initiative developed to highlight exceptional nursing care. As a team, they identified a deficit in recognizing bedside nurses who spot acute neurological changes and act swiftly by following the inpatient stroke protocols. The “BE FAST HERO” award specifically honors nurses who demonstrate exemplary recognition of stroke symptoms, contributing to improved patient outcomes and ultimately saving a brain! Their vigilance leads to



life-saving interventions, including TNK administration or emergent thrombectomy. This award honors the critical role our bedside nurses play in preserving brain function and giving patients a chance at recovery.

The certificate award states, “In recognition of exceptional skill and quick action in identifying early stroke symptoms, exemplifying the highest standard of care, ensuring immediate treatment and improving patient outcomes.”

Our selection process involves a monthly team meeting discussion to identify nurses who exemplify these critical skills and quick actions. We are enthusiastic about this program’s potential and hope to expand it further in the future.

### Award Recipients



**Sheryll Luz**  
*Tower 4*



**Elvis Benigno**  
*Davis 8*



**Yvonne Burton**  
*Davis 11*



**Kaitlin Kunz**  
*Davis 6*



**Navneet Rai**  
*T5 MICU*



**Michelle Parulan**  
*East 5*



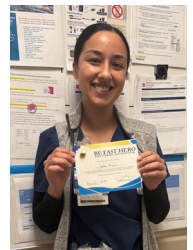
**Carlo Siopongco**  
*East 7*



**Marian Carnice**  
*East 8*



**Kevin Krause**  
*East 3*



**Jasleen Kaur**  
*Davis 12*



**Alex McIntosh**  
*Tower 7 MSICU Blue*



**Malia Ryman**  
*Action/Rapid Response Team*



**Kylie Okicich**  
*Emergency Dept*



**Paul Jimenez**  
*Emergency Dept*



## DAISY AWARDS

The DAISY Award is an international program that recognizes nursing excellence. In memory of their son, Patrick, the Barnes family recalled the skillful and compassionate care Patrick received from his nurses during his eight-week hospitalization. They wanted to say “thank you” to nurses everywhere by establishing a recognition program – the DAISY Award For Extraordinary Nurses – to honor the super-human work nurses do every day at the bedside.

## NURSE LEADER AWARDS



**Diane Woods, MSN, RN, NEA-BC**  
*Ambulatory Care*

Diane is a fierce advocate for ambulatory nursing and has been instrumental in many of the incredible advances in nursing leadership at the clinic level.

Her excitement about the specialty is contagious and is personally responsible for recruiting me from an inpatient specialty that I never saw myself leaving for ambulatory care. She is a true visionary, creating intoxicating enthusiasm for progress in the ambulatory care areas and generating a supportive and caring environment for all her staff. Moreover, Diane has been an exceptional mentor to emerging nurse leaders, guiding them through the complexities of healthcare leadership with wisdom and patience. She consistently provides opportunities for nurses to engage in leadership roles, ensuring they are prepared for future challenges within the healthcare landscape.



**Devon Trower, RN, MSN, OCN**  
*Adult Infusion*

Devon embodies the true spirit of nursing leadership through her commitment to excellence, compassion, and innovation. She leads by example, consistently

demonstrating integrity, professionalism, and a genuine concern for both patients and colleagues. One of the qualities that truly sets Devon apart is her ability to inspire and empower those around her. She fosters a supportive and collaborative work environment where every team member feels valued and respected. Devon actively listens to the concerns and ideas of her staff, encouraging open communication and constructive feedback. She recognizes and celebrates the unique strengths of each individual, fostering a culture of growth and development.



**Dana Covington, RN, MSN, NE-BC**  
*Nursing Supervisor*

Dana possesses all the qualities that an extraordinary leader exhibits. When I became a leader, I shadowed her in her role as nursing supervisor. I remember

being in awe of some of the decisions she would make to benefit the hospital as a whole. I wanted to learn how to emulate her decision-making processes. I often made recommendations to other new leaders and nursing students to shadow her and learn from how she operated and thought. She always maintains a keen sense of integrity. She is honest and fair with her decisions. Even though not all conflicts may be easy to resolve, Dana remains humble and utilizes humility when learning from her own or others' mistakes. She promotes teamwork and a positive work environment. She connects with the nurses, often remembering personal circumstances and is empathetic when referring back to them. She is not just a leader, but a friend, mentor and confidant. She motivates, encourages, and inspires us to do better and be successful.



**Camille Lugo, MSN, RN, CCRN, CPAN**  
*PACU*

Camille cultivates an environment of open dialogue where every team member's voice is heard and valued. She listens attentively to concerns, provides

constructive feedback and encourages staff to share their ideas and concerns without fear or judgment. Weekly, Camille will come to Tuesday huddles and send out emails to communicate with the four preop/PACU areas that she manages to keep staff informed and maintain clear, open lines of communication and collaboration to ensure the best and safest practices are implemented.





## TEAM AWARD

### Tower 4

In the summer of 2024, Tower 4 was given the opportunity to care for one of the most medically perplexing cases that brought us all more questions than answers on a daily basis. This unit admitted a patient in his mid-50's with a new onset of blindness, deafness, and cognitive impairment. The patient was absolutely terrified of what was happening to him, and the family was at a loss as to how to care for him and where to seek help to diagnose such a rare case.

Tower 4 staff immediately started working to develop a multidisciplinary care team that could help him with his physical and emotional needs. Upon researching new onset deafness and blindness in adulthood, we found that it is rare and there are very few cases in the United States. Very early

on it became evident that our team had to be collaborative and creative when working with this patient to meet

his needs and find answers. Tower 4 consistently steps up to meet the demands of the hospital, patients, and their families. They role model multidisciplinary collaboration and teamwork to exemplify the UC Davis Health values of extraordinary love, compassion, courage, and integrity. Tower 4 staff will continue to advocate and care for this patient as best as we know how, with our hearts.



## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS



**Karly Webb, BSN, RN**

*Davis 6*

Karly showed such great empathy towards my grandmother and treated her like family and not a patient. She always communicated in a timely manner when

my sister or I messaged to get daily updates during her shift or when we were concerned about her health. She was always very considerate of our requests, and she advocated for my grandmother like I would do. It takes a special person to be a nurse, and Karly is one of those special people for me and my family. Having Karly as my grandmother's RN made all the difference. My family and I will forever be grateful and remember her excellent care and kindness. Thank you, Karly, for what you do each and every day. Thank you for choosing to care and for being willing to help.



**Cigie Coronel, BSN, RN**

*PCR*

I've been in and out of hospital stays for more than three months. Cigie stands out to me as an exemplary nurse not just here at UC Davis Health, but among all the

nurses I've encountered in the six different hospitals I've been admitted to in these past three months. I've had many good nurses help me but a very small few I would consider great. My health situation is very complicated and requires support from many specialists throughout the day every day. She patiently listened and recognized the vulnerability I have and answered my questions with action and advocacy to my supporting doctors without fail. She recognized that I am very knowledgeable about my own condition and never

treated me as though she or the physicians knew better than me regarding what I needed. That kind of humility allowed me to trust that I am the biggest part of my care team.



**Lauren Saint, BSN, RN**

*Davis 7*

Lauren's expertise and dedication to her work have been evident in the exceptional care she provides. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure our

son is comfortable and well-cared for, explaining medical procedures in a way that is understandable and reassuring. She is quick to respond to any changes in his condition, always advocating for his best interests. More than just her technical skill, Lauren has been a source of emotional strength for us. She takes the time to connect with our son, making him feel safe and cared for in a difficult environment. Her compassion extends to our family, always checking in on how we are doing and offering encouragement on the hardest days. Her kindness, patience, and unwavering commitment to providing the best care have truly made a difference in our journey, and we are forever grateful.



**Josephine Falvey, BSN, CCRN**

*PACU*

Josephine Falvey was on her way to work in the PACU, arriving at the front of the hospital on her bike. As she parked her bike, she noticed a gentleman walking toward the entrance of the hospital who appeared to be in

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distress. As Jo walked towards him, he collapsed, throwing his coffee to the ground, but she quickly recognized that he was having a medical emergency. With her bike helmet on and her backpack in tow, she approached the gentleman and performed a quick assessment. Her assessment revealed that the man was in cardiac arrest and she immediately began CPR in the entryway of the hospital. The code blue team from the Emergency Department (ED) arrived and the patient's resuscitation efforts continued. Emergency providers are crediting Jo's fast response in starting CPR and getting this gentleman to the ED alive for his survival.



**Augustina Misin, BSN, RN**

*East 8*

My husband and I are very pleased with the care he received at the hospital. Augustina was the ONE nurse who was there the most often and we are grateful!

Augustina has a great attitude and gives excellent care. She made sure that PT came by to get him out of bed and if they didn't come, she assured me that SHE would make sure he got out of bed so he wouldn't be deconditioned! I told her that he had been hospitalized from Feb. to May for disseminated cocci infection, and from there he was transferred to an acute rehab center. He had to learn how to walk again, shower himself, etc. He worked hard to get to a place where he could be independent and now, he had to be hospitalized again in June due to high calcium levels. So my biggest concern was that he would lose all that progress if he was allowed to stay in bed. I assured her that he could walk. Upon hearing this information, she made sure that she got him out of bed! My husband came home in very good condition and is doing well. I credit his care team, and Augustina was an important and vital part as the front-line care member that he relied on daily.



**Kristan Kovach, ADN**

*Davis 5*

Kristan is an unsung hero for some of our toughest NICU cases. Kristan is an absolutely incredible nurse, super skilled, smart, positive, hardworking and she truly does A+ quality work every single time she comes to work. Fortunately for our toughest patients, she is also deeply committed to primary nursing. Kristan is never without a primary patient and without fail, every single time, she

chooses the patient that really needs her the most and that others might shy away from for various reasons. Her time management and organizational skills are outstanding. She's able to juggle a busy caseload while ensuring each child gets the attention and care they need. Kristan also approaches her work with an incredibly positive attitude, which has a lasting impact on her patients, their families, and her colleagues.



**Jose Castro, RN, BSN**

*CTICU*

There were many excellent nurses in the Cardio ICU but Jose went above and beyond. I think it was my first night out of surgery and I had the first-ever panic

attack in my life. Jose was beyond patient, kind, soothing and compassionate. Words can't describe how I felt, nor can I explain how Jose's compassion was exactly what I needed to help 'talk me down from the ledge'. He spoke with such compassion and tender-heartedness; I felt like he was a trusted friend. It didn't feel like he was there doing his job, but it felt like he truly cared about me as a person. I enjoyed hearing him talk about his interests - it helped me feel like a real person, not the swollen blob lying there in a hospital bed. I didn't sleep much, so I know I kept him busy, but he never once showed any lack of patience with me. Jose's compassion started me on a healing journey that was more than just physical. Thank you, Jose!



**Ameera Macam, RN, BSN**

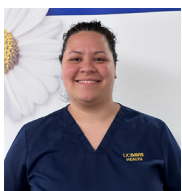
*Tower 4*

Ameera has a natural connection with patients and an ability to be aware when our patients are emotionally hurting or needing more TLC, which leaves them

with a feeling that they have been emotionally held. On one occasion, she once cared for a patient who was involved in a motor vehicle accident, had multiple fractures, and required long-term antibiotics. To make matters worse, the patient recently lost her mother and her funeral was scheduled during the patient's stay in the hospital. The patient was given a day pass to leave the hospital so she could attend the funeral. On the day of the funeral, Ameera attuned to the basic needs of her patient by giving her a spa day prior to leaving the unit. Though her patient had a long road of physical and emotional healing ahead of her, she appreciated the time Ameera spent helping her in her immediate time of need.







**Lourdes Espinosa, RN, BSN**  
*Burn ICU*

I would like to nominate Lourdes for the DAISY Award for her exceptional care and kindness during my stay at UC Davis Burn Unit. From the moment she was my nurse,

Lourdes made me feel at ease and comfortable. The night before my skin grafting procedure Lourdes went above and beyond to make sure I understood the process and treated me with such warmth and care. Her compassion helped ease my anxiety and made a challenging situation much more bearable. Not only did she provide excellent medical care, but she also took the time to listen to my concerns, address my needs, and offer emotional support. She was also my nurse the days following my procedure and made sure all my needs and concerns were met. She truly made a difference in my recovery, and I cannot thank her enough for her exceptional work.



**Holly Leighton Cawley, BSN, RN, MS-L**  
*J Street Medical Specialty/Pulmonology*

I wanted to take a moment to say a few words of thank you and highlight the exceptional work of one of our transplant nurse coordinators, Holly Leighton

Cawley. Holly helped to provide a secure passage from an outside hospital to UC Davis for one of our very ill Pulmonary Hypertension patients. This patient had septic shock from E. coli and has her Pulmonary Hypertension managed by a 24-hour pump for a medication called Remodulin. Holly supported her care while at two outside hospitals, neither of which was familiar with the workflow and helped to support the patient with frequent contact and reassurance. This patient is on lifesaving medication. With less than 24 hours left of her supply of medication, the patient finally arrived at UC Davis Health on Thursday night. When I rounded on the patient, she had tears of happiness and gratitude for Holly's exceptional work.

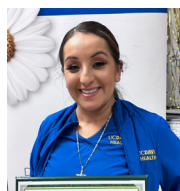


**PJ Maniquis, RN, BSN**  
*Davis 10 PICU*

After my 4-month-old daughter had heart surgery, I was anxious for the first night. My husband was home with our toddler, and I was all alone with a tiny recovering

baby. She was so small and covered in tubes and wires. I wanted nothing more than to hold her and make her feel safe. I stood at her crib, weeping, and PJ got me water, sat me down and went to find another nurse. Together, they dealt with nearly 20 cords and tubes and delivered my baby into my arms. He didn't need to go to the extra trouble; the doctor had already told me I'd need to do gymnastics to nurse her while she recovered as there were too many cords

and tubes to transfer her out of her bed. PJ decided to care for her as a whole person and saw she needed her mom. He really went above and beyond in caring for my daughter.



**Marilu Garcia Sr., LVN**  
*Dermatology Clinic*

As a vital member of the dermatology team, Marilu consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that every patient receives the highest quality care. Marilu

is not only a skilled nurse but also a dedicated advocate, ensuring that patients fully understand their diagnosis and treatment plans. She frequently serves as a translator, bridging communication gaps between providers and patients with limited English proficiency. Through her kindness and patience, she alleviates anxiety and ensures that every patient feels heard, informed, and supported. Beyond her exceptional patient care, Marilu is also a passionate preceptor. She takes the time to teach and support other LVNs, sharing her knowledge and expertise to help them grow in their roles. Marilu's compassion, leadership, and dedication truly set her apart.



**Derrick Chu, BSN, RN, MICN**  
*Emergency Department*

Derrick is an outstanding nurse here in the UC Davis Emergency department, and I wanted to take this

opportunity to recognize him for a standout moment that I was able to witness during an incredibly difficult situation. As the primary nurse of a patient who had a hard conversation with our psychiatric team about how he was going to need to be on a hold for the safety of others, the patient became very agitated at me and very threatening. It was at this moment that Derrick stepped between the patient and me, leaving a safe space, and using calm words, was able to redirect the patient to return to his room. Derrick did not stop there. While safety officers and our campus Police Department were called to the area, the patient became more agitated and more confrontational. Seeing this, he pulled the team aside and said, "I think I can talk to this patient, can you guys step back a little so that he doesn't feel so encroached," he used direct but compassionate words, and a patient who is in an usually marginalized population, was receiving compassionate care, resulting in a less traumatic outcome. The patient complied with Derrick and the rest of the shift kept thanking him for using words instead of force. Derrick is an incredible nurse and an asset to our team; I am glad he was here for that patient.



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# New Graduate Nurse Residency Cohorts

## COHORT 52

Alee Thao, D3 University Birthing Center  
Alester Thomas, Emergency Dept  
Allison Reed, E8 Med Surgical Specialties  
Alvin Tom, Patient Care Resources  
Anna Veloso, Patient Care Resources  
Blake DuPriest, D11 Trauma Nursing Unit  
Caitlin Tavares, Operating Room  
Charde Vance, Adult Annex Unit  
Esther Shackelford, Patient Care Resources  
Gabriela Gonzalez Guevara, Operating Room  
Harjot Kaeley, E5 Neuroscience Unit  
Ilona Tsvyk, Patient Care Resources  
Jesus Barcenas Lopez, D11 Trauma Nursing Unit  
Katherine Klevmoen, D11 Trauma Nursing Unit  
Kellie Worl, E8 Med Surgical Specialties  
Kristen Ellis, Operating Room  
La Shaunda Zamora, Operating Room  
Lauren Christie, Patient Care Resources  
Maria Bellamacina, Emergency Dept  
Michelle La Haie, E6 Cardiothoracic PCU  
Niza Moreno Cardenas, Patient Care Resources  
Parminder Atwal, E5 Neuroscience Unit



Rose Herr, D12 Surgical Specialties Unit  
Samuel Klein, Emergency Dept  
Sarah Ito, Burn Unit  
Sarah Ku, Operating Room  
Thomas Turner, D6 Cardiology  
Tina Thai, Operating Room  
Trevor Chang, Burn Unit  
Vence Ma, Operating Room  
Wendy Xu, D3 University Birthing Center  
Whitney Waid, Operating Room

## COHORT 53

Adriana Brady, Patient Care Resources  
Alexia Martinez, Patient Care Resources  
Alexis Mercado, D10 Pediatric ICU/PCICU  
Allyson Boldt, Patient Care Resources  
Amyr Shidi, E5 Neuroscience Unit  
Annette Santiago, Emergency Medicine  
Anuprit Gill, Critical Care Float Pool  
Ashley Fong, D6 Cardiology  
Desiré Whatley, Operating Room  
Edwin Arevalo, D11 Trauma Nursing Unit  
Esohe Osasuyi, Emergency Medicine  
Eva Huynh, D5 Neonatal Units  
Evan Wong, Critical Care Float Pool  
Felix Wakefield-Mills, D5 Neonatal Units  
Harmony VonStockhausen, T3 Women's Health Pavilion  
Henry Chiu, T4 Ent/Internal Medicine  
Isabela Cabral, E7 Neuroscience Specialty Unit  
Jacob Sullivan, Critical Care Float Pool  
Jeff Li, D10 Pediatric ICU/PCICU  
Jordan Nouri, Critical Care Float Pool  
Jordan Rhodes, E5 Neuroscience Unit  
Kalasia Green, E5 Neuroscience Unit  
Kelly Lan, Patient Care Resources  
Kian Kelly, Patient Care Resources  
Ksenia Perkova, Operating Room  
Lien Kim Hoang, T3 Women's Health Pavilion  
Mary Alegre, D10 Pediatric ICU/PCICU (PCR)



Michael Tran, Emergency Medicine  
Michelle Gan, Patient Care Resources  
Moshe McCarter-Ribakoff, E6 Cardiothoracic PCU  
Nicole Yan, Operating Room  
Oksana Demchyk, D10 Pediatric ICU/PCICU (PCR)  
Onsheng Seto, D11 Trauma Nursing Unit  
Reilly Ryan, E8 Med Surgical Specialty Unit  
Salena Sandhu, D5 Neonatal Units  
Samuel Vorobyev, Operating Room  
Sanjana Gautam, E5 Neuroscience Unit  
Shontel Forcier, Emergency Medicine  
Sofia Audrey Young, Operating Room  
Sol Alondra Jimenez, Patient Care Resources  
Tanesha Sullins, Critical Care Float Pool  
Tanveer Kaur, D5 Neonatal Units  
Tarannom Alahdadi, Patient Care Resources  
Zainab Bahia, Patient Care Resources



## COHORT 54

Aaron Nokelby, Patient Care Resources  
Alyssa Nguyen, Operating Room  
Annie Liang, Patient Care Resources  
Annie Smith, D7 Pediatrics  
Ashley Valencia-Reynoso, T8 Transplant/Metabolic  
Austin Lo, Critical Care Float Pool  
Carissa Bakarich, D11 Trauma Nursing Unit  
Cassandra "Cassie" Siskoff, D7 Pediatrics  
Francis Difuntorum, Operating Room  
Hanna Ysabel "Hanna" Noche, D11 Trauma Nursing Unit  
Hannah Koutsoubinas, D3 University Birthing Center  
Isabella Pond, T8 Transplant/Metabolic  
Jasleen Mohem, D11 Trauma Nursing Unit  
Javier Sanchez Verdin, Critical Care Float Pool  
Karla Garza Plascencia, D11 Trauma Nursing Unit  
Kayla Cain, D14 Orthopedics  
Kelly Huang, Patient Care Resources  
Kristopher "Kris" Herrera, D14 Orthopedics  
Krystal Mora, D3 University Birthing Center  
Liz Hernandez, Critical Care Float Pool  
Lynette Schleif, Patient Care Resources  
Nicole Williams, Patient Care Resources  
Nisha Kang, D12 Surgical Specialties Unit

Peter "Pete" Ngo, Emergency Medicine  
Rachel Thoma, Operating Room  
Ralph Berumen, Operating Room  
Shelby Stoffel, Emergency Medicine  
Sofiya Nabok, D5 Neonatal Units  
Stacy Hoang, E8 Med Surgical Specialty Unit  
Stepan Esir, Critical Care Float Pool  
Tracy Wasson, Emergency Medicine  
Yzavella Gwen "Gwen" Gonzalez, D11 Trauma Nursing Unit  
Zyra Balico, Operating Room



## Newly Recognized Clinical Nurse IIs

### Q4 2024

Jocelyn Spiwak, UTSES Endoscopy  
Blanche M. Garcia, T6 MSU  
Guadalupe M. Zuniga, Pain Management Clinic  
Anyang Dai, PACU  
Mariam Jiddi, East 5 Neuroscience  
Clementine Anneliese Cook, Emergency Dept  
Teddy L. Pawloski, Davis 8 Oncology  
Tracy Q. Lee, Patient Care Resources  
Hannah M. Plunkett, Pain Management Clinic

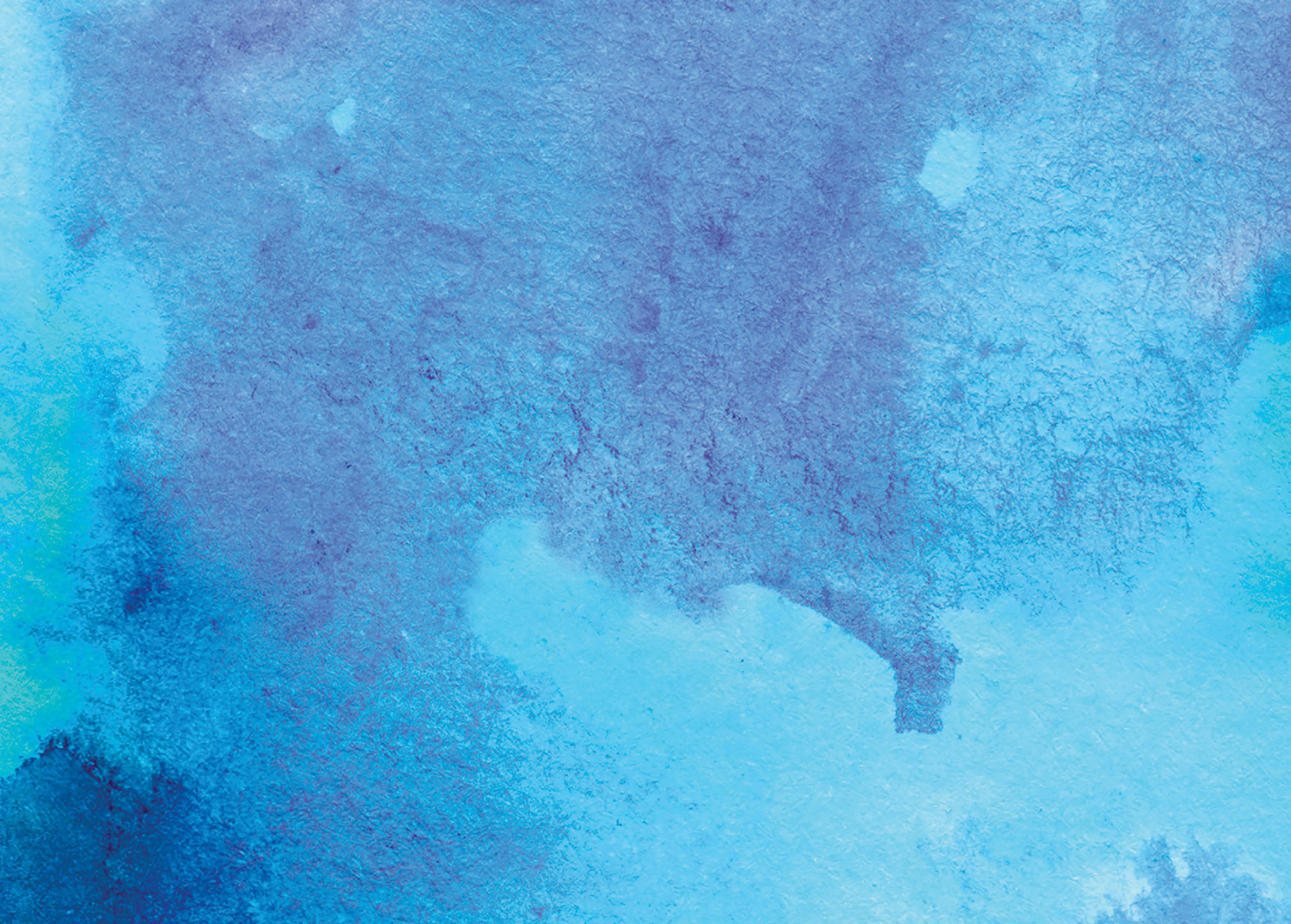
### Q1 2025

Elizabeth J. Tucker, Tower 7 MSICU Gold  
Ludivina Magpali, Endoscopy  
Karen Gundy Holle, Pre-Anesthesia Clinic  
Allison M. Gibson, CTICU  
Nicole Leann Wong, Davis 5 NICU  
Jessica Park, Davis 5 NICU  
Mallory A. Keene, Davis 7 Pediatrics  
Sarah G. Grist, Tower 7 MSICU Gold  
Mong Linh Nguyen, Main OR  
Amreet Kiran Singh, Davis 12 Surgical Specialties Unit  
Sajeela Rajakumar, Main OR  
Ericka Rooney, Advanced Wound Care Clinic  
Stacey Balich, Emergency Dept  
Brittney N. Houston, Emergency Dept

### Q2 2025

Kimberly M. Wilcox, Home Care Services  
Eleanor A. Barroga, Endoscopy  
Kathryn Elizabeth Garson, PICC Services  
Janice C. Au, Davis 3  
Jessica L. Dalziel, Interventional Radiology  
Kimberly K. Brink, Stroke Program  
Sarah Mois, East 4 Accelerated Access Unit  
Miyoung So, PICC Services  
Ann Gabrielle Sira Cabuang, East 3 Adult Acute Care  
Melissa Joy Silva, Emergency Department  
Katie Duncan, Interventional Radiology  
Nhi T. Le, J Street Pulmonary Department  
Rebecca M. Dutr, Davis 14 Ortho/Trauma  
Olivia Kozar, ACC IM Specialties  
Megan Foster McCaffrey, Davis 10 PICU/PCICU  
Jomari Romero, Vascular Clinic  
Chelsea Thomas, Davis 8 Oncology/BMT  
Christie A. Meredith, Endoscopy / Interventional Pulmonary  
Erica Anderson, Tower 6 MedSurg Unit  
Natili Ekker, Pediatric Critical Care Transport  
Justin P. Massaro, Stroke Program  
Jeanelle Ribleza Rosario, T7 MSICU Blue  
Christina O. Morales, T7 MSICU Blue  
Shelbie Reann Allen, East 4 Accelerated Access Unit  
Stephanie E. Congleton, Children's Surgery Center  
Sandeep Kumari Singh, Tower 6 MedSurg Unit  
Manpreet Kaur, Tower 6 MedSurg Unit  
Reanne S. Takara, T7 MSICU Blue  
Danielle M. Galass, D5 Neonatal ICU





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