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GOVERNOR COMMENDS ST. PETER'S MEDICAL CENTER FOR RECEIVING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NURSING

Gov. Christie Whitman visited St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick today and commended the hospital for being one of only ten hospitals nationwide to receive a magnet designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. The magnet designation recognizes excellence in key areas of nursing and means that a hospital attracts the best nurses in the field.

"From the moment we're born most of us experience health care at its best through the loving and caring hands of nurses," Gov. Whitman said. "Nurses guide us in our growing years, advise us on keeping healthy and counsel us in our pain, loss and grieving."

"In today's world of high-tech health care, nurses are the foundation upon which patients and doctors rely for care, support and expertise," the Governor said. "It's that expertise and excellence that we honor here today."

"The Credentialing Center recognizes excellence in key areas of nursing, from management, to standards of care, to leadership of the chief nurse executive, to attention the cultural and ethnic diversity of patients," Gov. Whitman said. "The Magnet designation means that these hospitals serve to attract the best nurses in the field. The Magnet logo signs to patients and other hospitals that St. Peter's nursing staff is one of the best in the country."

The Governor noted that four of the ten hospitals designated as magnet hospitals by the American Nurses Credentialing Center are in New Jersey. In addition to St. Peter's the other hospitals are Hackensack University Medical Center, Jersey Shore Medical Center and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

Gov. Whitman previously signed a proclamation recognizing National Nurses Week (May 6-12) in New Jersey.