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From the Nursing Shared Governance Council

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Message from the The Chief Nursing Officer

Happy Nurses Week! I hope you will join me in celebrating Nurses Week this year during one of the many activities we have planned during the week of May 6-14th. This year's theme for Nurses Week is "Nurses: Trusted to Care" and that statement goes very well with the articles published in our 6th UCSD Journal of Nursing. The Professional Service areas are highlighted in this issue and you will be able to discover more about several of their services including, Apheresis, Interventional Pulmonology,

LifeSharing, Gastroenterology, the Cystic Fibrosis Program and Special Procedures. These are just a handful of the units that make up this extensive Service Line. These articles cover the many changes we have seen over the last 40 years and how the evolution of nursing seems to be shifting to High Tech with an emphasis on High Touch. You can read more about this method in the article "Integrative Care-a New Frontier". Reading the articles about Nephrology nursing, Apheresis, and Organ Procurement I am also proud to see so many nurses pursue their specialty certifications and are considered experts in their field.

As many of you know we recently partnered with the DAISY Foundation which honors the compassionate caring of the bed side nurse. One of our recent DAISY Award winners comes from the Lifesharing department, Christine Brenner, RN CPTC and what a perfect person to receive this honor. Christine was able to turn a family who had shied away from organ donation to reconsider and in the process of sharing this story in the Union Tribune 5 lives were saved! What a great way for the public to learn more about the different fields of nursing and how important it is to be a nurse!

People often say it takes a village to raise a child, well in a hospital it takes a community to heal a patient. That community is consisted of many levels of staff that treat and care for the patient. In the article "The Art of Collaboration", it speaks to how our staff is truly multidisciplinary and that all levels want to work together for the same goals, increasing patient satisfaction along with job fulfillment.

You will also notice a few common threads woven throughout many of the articles in this journal, the demonstration of our nurses' commitment to team work and the UCSD Nursing Professional Practice Model of Care. I am always thrilled to hear how each unit is implementing our vision. I applaud each and every one of you for dedication to the nursing profession and to UC San Diego Health Systems. Happy Nurses Week!

Sincerely,

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