Top U.S. Critical Care and Progressive Care Units Honored with Fall 2010 Beacon Award

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Aliso Viejo, CA (PRWEB) January 19, 2011 -- The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) recently named 70 units — including 61 adult, three pediatric critical care and six progressive care units — from 57 hospitals nationwide recipients of the fall 2010 Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence.

The fall 2010 awards mark the second, third and fourth such honor for several units. Fall recipients bring to 385 the total number of recipients since the launch of the Beacon Awards in 2003. Originally awarded only to adult critical care units, AACN expanded eligibility for this honor to include pediatric intensive care and progressive care units.

AACN President Kristine Peterson, RN, MS, CCRN, CCNS, praises the fall 2010 recipients for their achievement and commitment to the organization’s six Healthy Work Environment Standards.

“Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence recipients join an elite community of adult and pediatric critical care and progressive care units that embrace evidence-based standards of excellence in recruitment, retention, education, training and mentoring. Units that receive this award serve as shining role models to others that seek to optimize the care they provide to patients and families,” she explains.

The awards recognize adult and pediatric critical care and progressive care units that meet evidence-based standards of excellence and patient safety. Events, sessions and a “Wall of Honor” will recognize the fall 2010 recipients of the award at AACN’s 2011 National Teaching Institute & Critical Care Exposition (NTI), Chicago, Saturday, April 30 through Thursday, May 5. NTI is the world’s largest educational conference and trade show for nurses who care for acutely and critically ill patients and their families.

Fall 2010 Beacon Award recipients are: (ordered by category and alphabetically by state)

ADULT CARE

* Four-time recipients
ICU, Munroe Regional Medical Center, Ocala, Fla.
Rhoads 5 Surgical Critical Care Unit, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

* Three-time recipient
Fondren Coronary Care Unit, Methodist Hospital, Houston

* Two-time recipients
Surgical ICU, Medical Center of the Rockies, Loveland, Colo.
Cardiothoracic ICU, Tampa General Hospital, Fla.
Critical Care Unit, Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights, Ill.
ICU, Frankfort Regional Medical Center, Ky.
Special Care Unit, Maine Medical Center, Portland
Cardiac Care Unit, University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore
ICCU, Chelsea Community Hospital, Mich.
Cardiothoracic ICU, University of North Carolina Hospital, Chapel Hill
Cardiac ICU, SJH Regional Medical Center, Vineland, N.J.
Medical ICU, Methodist Hospital, Houston
Cardiovascular ICU, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, Va.
MSICU, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, Va.
Critical Care Unit, Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center, Mechanicsville, Va.

* First-time recipients
Surgical ICU, Baptist Princeton, Birmingham, Ala.
CVICU, John C. Lincoln Hospital, Phoenix
CCU, Los Robles Regional Medical Center, Thousand Oaks, Calif.
6ICU - Neuro/Trauma ICU, Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles
Surgical ICU, Sharp Grossmont Hospital, La Mesa, Calif.
D-1 CCU, Stanford Hospital & Clinics, Calif.
E-2 ICU, Stanford Hospital & Clinics, Calif.
North ICU, Stanford Hospital & Clinics, Calif.
Cardiovascular Care Unit, North Colorado Medical Center, Greeley
ICU, Avista Adventist Hospital, Louisville, Colo.
ICU, Danbury Hospital, Conn.
Neuroscience ICU C6-3, MedStar-Georgetown Medical Center, Washington
3N ICU, St. Vincent’s Medical Center, Jacksonville, Fla.
CCU, St. Vincent’s Medical Center, Jacksonville, Fla.
Critical Care, Baptist Hospital of Miami, Kendall, Fla.
CVICU, Bayfront Medical Center, St. Petersburg, Fla.
CCU, James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa, Fla.
SICU, James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa, Fla.
3/4 G CCU, Emory University Hospital, Atlanta
CCU, Wellstar-Kennestone Hospital, Marietta, Ga.
SICU, St. Francis Hospital of Evanston, Ill.
Medical Transplant ICU, University of Kansas Hospital, Kansas City
Surgical ICU, University of Kansas Hospital, Kansas City
Medical ICU, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore
Med-Surg-Trauma ICU, Suburban Hospital Healthcare System, Bethesda, Md.
Hauenstein H2, Saint Mary’s Health Care, Grand Rapids, Mich.
CV Surgical ICU - H4100, Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis
CVICU/CVRU, Mission Health System, Asheville, N.C.
Coronary Care Unit, University of North Carolina Hospital, Chapel Hill
C6 CTICU/Stepdown, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, N.J.
Cardiac Critical Care Unit, Presbyterian Hospital, Albuquerque, N.M.
Cardiac Care Unit, Aultman Hospital, Canton, Ohio
Heart Failure ICU, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland
Neuroscience ICU, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Cleveland
Kern Critical Care, Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, Ore.
CCU, Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, Philadelphia
SICU, Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, Philadelphia
CVICU/CICU, University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas
Coronary Care Unit, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, Va.
ICU, Inova Loudoun Hospital, Leesburg, Va.
Medical-Surgical ICU, Riverside Regional Medical Center, Newport News, Va.
Neuroscience ICU, Medical College of Virginia Hospital, Richmond
Cardiovascular ICU, Winchester Medical Center, Winchester
Surgical ICU, VA Puget Sound Healthcare System, Seattle
Critical Care, Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle

PEDIATRIC CARE

* Two-time recipient
  Pediatric ICU, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

* First-time recipients
  Pediatric ICU - 5C3, Tampa General Hospital, Fla.
  Pediatric ICU, Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center, Richmond

PROGRESSIVE CARE

* First-time recipients
  Cardiovascular Care Unit Acuity Adaptable Unit, North Colorado Medical Center, Greeley
  Cardiovascular Progressive Care Unit, University of Kansas Hospital, Kansas City
  Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplant, University of Rochester Medical Center, Strong Memorial Hospital, N.Y.
  8 Rhodes Progressive Care Unit, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus
  PCCU, Oklahoma Heart Hospital, Oklahoma City
  Coronary Care Unit, Tacoma General Hospital, Wash.

About the Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence: Established in 2003, AACN’s award recognizes top U.S. adult and pediatric critical care units and progressive care units that meet standards of excellence in recruitment and retention; education, training and mentoring; research and evidence-based practice; patient outcomes; leadership and organizational ethics; and creation of a healthy work environment. Award criteria — which measure systems, outcomes and environments against evidence-based national criteria for excellence — provide a mechanism to initiate patient safety efforts. To learn more about the award, visit www.aacn.org/beacon or call (800) 899-2226.

About the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses: Founded in 1969 and based in Aliso Viejo, Calif., the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) is the largest specialty nursing organization in the world. AACN joins together the interests of more than 500,000 acute and critical care nurses and claims more than 235 chapters worldwide. The organization’s vision is to create a healthcare system driven by the needs of patients and their families in which acute and critical care nurses make their optimal contribution. To learn more about AACN, visit www.aacn.org, connect with the organization on Facebook at www.facebook.com/aacnface or follow AACN on Twitter at www.twitter.com/aaenme.

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