

Nursing Award

Significant accomplishments warranting AMSUS recognition:

Maj Nurse is a Lean Six Sigma Greenbelt and champion of evidence-based practice: Employed a team-centered approach to successfully train over 1,806 joint service clinical personnel and established an evidence based, standardized algorithm for Rapid Response Team (RRT) activation and reporting of critical lab values using hands free wireless communication technology. Resulted in RRT activation time averaging less than three minutes; resulting in 90-100% compliance with the 2011 Agency for Health and Research Quality RRT guidelines for “a communication process and system that is efficient and reliable.” The process enabled the institution to meet the National Patient Safety Goal 02.03.01 to “Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers” in reporting 3,562 critical lab results within 60 minutes or less, resulting in a compliance rate of 96.9% for MTF. Prior to implementation call rates within 30 minutes were at 36.4% compliance, afterward it increased to 75.2% in FY12 and 82% in FY13. The wireless technology provided fluid patient transfers, quieter healing environment due to reduced usage of overhead paging by 58%, staff reported 60% decrease in time to communicate and 53.5% increase in workflow overall.

As Clinical Nurse Specialist for the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Maj Nurse integrated Mosby’s Skills and provided Annual Skills training to over 81 nursing personnel at MTF resulting in an annual competency and initial verification of 100% personnel in attendance. Responsible for creating 60 competency-based orientation modules for the Medical-Surgical and ICU staff, resulting in 100% compliance during a survey for over 160 personnel. Composed and standardized the Medical-Surgical section orientation binder for over 120 new personnel in six different units. Revised three of the modules for the Enlisted Medication Administration Course to reflect current evidence-based practice and standards of care. Instructed 75+ personnel with a 95% competency verification rate enabling enhanced patient care within the medical treatment facility (MTF) as well during deployment setting. Developed the MTF Basic Dysrhythmia course with over 100 personnel trained and 90% of telemetry staff prior to integration to ensure 100% pass rate for certification of over 183 Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support attendees. As Chief of Patient Movement, responsible for the accountability, planning and execution of all MTF Wounded Warrior transports. Planned, coordinated and supervised over 49 Patient Movement missions, from May-Nov 2013, consisting of Wounded Warriors, dependents and retirees from Joint Base Andrews to MTF. Utilization of MTF capabilities resulted in 41% of patients redirected from Walter Reed Bethesda to MTF, culminating in \$24,000 in Relative Value Units gained, for a total of \$54,000 dollars within the seven-month period.