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**The Connecticut Burn Center's Jacqueline Laird
named nurse manager of the year at Bridgeport Hospital**

Jacqueline (Jackie) Laird of West Haven, Nurse Manager of The Connecticut Burn Center and Center for Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Medicine at Bridgeport Hospital, has been selected as the hospital's Nurse Manager of the Year. The award was presented on behalf of the hospital medical staff by Chairman of Surgery Nabil Atweh, MD, during a May 7 ceremony at Ralph'n'Rich's Restaurant in Bridgeport.

"Organized, available, sensible and cool minded—she goes far beyond her responsibilities for patients and families," were some of the physician-nominators' comments Dr. Atweh read about Laird. "

"Jackie never asks more of her staff than she does of herself," added Director of Surgery, Wound & Critical Care Anne Aquila. "She insists on excellence, has impeccable follow-through and has a sense of urgency when needed."

Laird joined the Burn Center as a staff nurse in 2002. She was promoted to Assistant Nurse Manager in 2005 and became Nurse Manager in 2006. In 2009, she took on additional responsibility for the Center for Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Medicine. Laird holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing and is working toward a master's degree at Sacred Heart University.

All of the hospital's nurse managers drew praise from officials during the ceremony.

Senior Vice President MaryEllen Kosturko said, "You are an extremely strong team of professionals. It's a hard job you do and you do it well."

"You're where the rubber meets the road when it comes to clinical care and patient safety," added Medical Staff President Peter Tortora, MD. "You're part of the nucleus that makes it all work for the patient."

Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer Norm Roth commented, "One of the underappreciated jobs is the one you do. We all know how critical you are to the delivery of safe, high quality care."

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The Connecticut Burn Center is the only nationally verified burn care facility in the state and one of only 59 in the entire country. The Center's staff treats more than 200 inpatients and receives more than 800 outpatient visits each year.

The Burn Center is currently undergoing a \$1.5 million modernization that includes construction of a dedicated elevator to transport patients to and from the operating room, a suite with overnight sleeping accommodations for family members as well as improvements to patient rooms, the nurses' station and entrance and waiting areas. For more information, visit foundation.bridgeporthospital.org.

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