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MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL RECEIVES MAGNET® RECOGNITION FOR THIRD TIME

Middletown, Ct. – Middlesex Hospital has been recognized as a Magnet hospital for nursing excellence by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) for a third consecutive time.

Magnet status is granted for a period of four years. Middlesex Hospital's initial four-year Magnet recognition was received in June of 2001, making Middlesex the first Magnet hospital in the state. Middlesex was recognized as a Magnet hospital for the second time in 2005. The Hospital is now one of only 28 hospitals nationwide that has achieved this prestigious honor three times in a row.

There are currently 359 Magnet hospitals throughout the world. This represents less than six percent of U.S. acute-care hospitals. Twenty percent of those applying for the recognition do not make it to the site visit stage of the process; another twenty percent of those who reach the site visit stage are not granted Magnet status. Only eight percent of Magnet-recognized hospitals have achieved their second- or third-time recognition.

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According to Middlesex Hospital President and CEO, Robert G. Kiely, “A third Magnet recognition is truly a significant testimony to the level of knowledge, experience and talent of nurses at Middlesex Hospital. It is an honor that is shared with the entire Hospital community. Through collaboration, dedication and leadership, Middlesex Hospital has once again set itself apart as an institution that provides the ultimate in quality care and safety to the many communities it serves.”

“This is an extremely significant honor for our nurses, our hospital and our community,” said Vice President for Nursing, Colleen Smith. “We see it not only as an opportunity to celebrate our nurses, past and present, but also an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to further strengthening the professional practice environment for all Middlesex Hospital nurses. Middlesex Hospital nurses have had a very long tradition of excellence, and we are extremely proud to have earned our profession’s highest level of recognition once again.”

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