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## **SAINT FRANCIS CELEBRATES CERTIFIED NURSES DAY**

### ***More than 100 Board Certified Saint Francis Nurses to be Honored***

(Hartford, CT) - Saint Francis is celebrating Certified Nurses Day, March 19, by honoring its board certified nurses with a special reception at the Governor's Mansion. The nurses are being recognized for their professionalism, leadership, and commitment to excellence in patient care. After first meeting defined eligibility criteria, designation as a board certified nurse follows a rigorous examination.

"Board Certification of nurses plays an increasingly important role in the assurance of high standards of care for patients and their loved ones," said Rebecca Burke, Chief Nursing Officer, Saint Francis. "Nursing, like healthcare in general, has become increasingly complex. Our nurses at Saint Francis have the knowledge-intensive requirements of contemporary nursing today as well as a strong personal commitment to excellence," added Burke.

Saint Francis encourages national board certification for all its nurses. Patients are encouraged to inquire whether there are certified nurses on staff when they visit a hospital or their primary care provider. There are many nursing certification specialties such as medical-surgical, maternity, pain management, cardiac vascular, oncology, hospice, case management, emergency nursing, critical care and many others. Many nursing certification bodies exist to serve the full range of specialized nursing care offered in the contemporary healthcare system. National nurse-certifying bodies should be accredited by either the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC) or the National Organization for Competence Assurance (NOCA), or both.

"We are proud to recognize the nation's national nursing certification organizations in honoring these hardworking, dedicated nurses for their professionalism, and a job well done," said E. Merritt McDonough, Jr., President and Chief Development Officer, Saint Francis Foundation.

### **About Saint Francis**

Saint Francis *Care* is an integrated healthcare delivery system established by Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. Licensed

for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, it is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other major entities of Saint Francis *Care* include The Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Saint Francis/Mount Sinai Regional Cancer Center, and the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research. Its services are supported by a network of five major Access Centers and eight additional medical office centers sited throughout the region. For more information, visit [www.stfranciscare.com](http://www.stfranciscare.com)