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## **Connecticut Children's Receives Prestigious National Nursing Designation For Service Commitment To Patients & Families And Nursing Excellence**

**Hartford, Conn.-** Connecticut Children's Medical Center has attained the most prestigious nursing recognition designation, reinforcing its commitment to creating a compassionate and customer service driven patient and family experience. In April, Connecticut Children's received Magnet recognition by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Magnet Recognition Program®. Considered the gold standard in nursing excellence, Magnet designation recognizes quality patient care, nursing excellence and innovations in professional nursing practice. Presently only 7% percent of hospitals nationally have earned this designation, including just 6 others in Connecticut.

"I am so thrilled to see our nurses as a part of a significant milestone for Connecticut Children's! This Magnet designation is a true testament to the excellence in care we deliver every day, care that is consistently experienced by our patients and families," said Cheryl Hoey, chief nursing officer at Connecticut Children's. "To earn Magnet recognition is a great accomplishment and an incredible source of pride for our nurses and team at large. Our nurses are so deserving of this award, and I thank them for bringing Connecticut Children's national recognition"

The Magnet recognition program distinguishes healthcare organizations that meet rigorous standards for nursing excellence and is the highest and most regarded honor an organization can receive for professional nursing practice.

"The Magnet designation process has involved many teams from across the organization that have helped highlight the value of nursing — to patients and families, the organization, and the community," said Jim Shmerling, president and chief executive officer at Connecticut Children's. "This designation serves as a benchmark to our community to measure the quality of nursing care at Connecticut Children's and continues to raise the bar for the pediatric health care in our region."

To achieve Magnet recognition, organizations must pass a rigorous and lengthy process that demands widespread participation from leadership and staff. This process includes an application, written patient care documentation, an on-site visit and a review by the Commission on Magnet Recognition. Health care organizations must reapply for Magnet

recognition every four years based on adherence to Magnet concepts and demonstrated improvements in patient care and quality.

### **About ANCC's Magnet Recognition Program**

The Magnet Recognition Program — administered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the largest and most prominent nurses credentialing organization in the world — identifies health care organizations that provide the very best in nursing care and professionalism in nursing practice. The Magnet Recognition Program serves as the gold standard for nursing excellence and provides consumers with the ultimate benchmark for measuring quality of care. For more information about the Magnet Recognition Program and current statistics, visit [www.nursecredentialing.org/magnet](http://www.nursecredentialing.org/magnet).

### **About Connecticut Children's Medical Center**

Connecticut Children's Medical Center is the only hospital in Connecticut dedicated exclusively to the care of children and is ranked by U.S. News & World Report and Women's Choice as one of the best children's hospitals in the nation. With a medical staff of more than 1,000, Connecticut Children's provides comprehensive, compassionate health care in more than 30 pediatric specialties and subspecialties. Connecticut Children's Medical Center is a not-for-profit organization, which serves as the primary pediatric teaching hospital for the UConn School of Medicine, has a teaching partnership with the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University and is a research partner of The Jackson Laboratory. Connecticut Children's Office for Community Child Health is a national leader in community-based prevention and wellness programs.