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Middlesex Receives Fifth Magnet® Designation

MIDDLETOWN — Middlesex Hospital, a member of Middlesex Health, is proud to announce that it has earned its fifth consecutive nursing Magnet® designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). This means that Middlesex continues to meet the very rigorous standards of clinical nursing excellence set by the ANCC. This is an amazing accomplishment. Less than 20 health organizations worldwide have earned this designation five times.

This distinction exemplifies Middlesex’s 20-year commitment to interprofessional collaboration and excellence in patient care. Each Magnet designation is for four years. Middlesex first earned its designation in 2001 and was the first hospital in Connecticut and the first community hospital in the country to do so. It has earned re-designation from the ANCC ever since.

“I am proud of our entire Middlesex Health team,” says Middlesex Health President and CEO Vincent G. Capece, Jr. “While this Magnet designation is focused on our nursing professional practice, all of our employees were involved in the Magnet process. Earning this designation demonstrates our entire organization’s pursuit of excellence.”

The Magnet process included a written application and a site visit, which occurred in February. Appraisers visited all areas where nurses practice to validate information Middlesex provided in its written application. Appraisers met with physicians, interdisciplinary teams, community members and members of the Middlesex Health Patient Family Advisory Council.
“Every day, Middlesex staff members go above and beyond to ensure that our patients receive the best possible care,” says Jackie Calamari, vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer. “Our Magnet designation is just one of the ways that our organization has distinguished its clinical excellence. It’s a testament to the positive difference our staff is making in the communities we serve.”

**Middlesex Health**

Based in Middletown, Conn., Middlesex Health, a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, includes Middlesex Hospital, a not-for-profit magnet hospital with 275 beds and 22 bassinets, and two Middlesex Health Cancer Center locations. It also features three emergency departments, three urgent care centers and an assisted living facility, along with many other programs and services. Middlesex Health’s network of primary care physicians, medical and surgical specialists and other employees work hard to meet the needs of the Middlesex County and Connecticut shoreline communities.

Using innovative technology, Middlesex Health’s vision is to be the clear, first choice for medical care, and its mission is to provide the safest, highest-quality care and best experience possible.