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Yale New Haven Children's Hospital Emergency Department earns 2022-25 Emergency Nurses Association Lantern Award

YNHCH one of only two hospitals in the northeast selected

NEW HAVEN, CT (July 14, 2022) – Yale New Haven Children's Hospital (YNHCH) has been honored as a recipient of the 2022-2025 Emergency Nurses Association's (ENA) Lantern Award for demonstrating exceptional and innovative performance in leadership, practice, education, advocacy and research.

"This national distinction is a wonderful reflection of the outstanding work done by our team of doctors, nurses, social workers and other caregivers in our emergency department," said Cynthia Sparer, executive vice president, Yale New Haven Health and executive director, YNHCH. "It is a remarkable achievement to be honored as one of two children's hospitals in the northeast selected by ENA and one of only 22 Emergency Departments nationally."

The ENA Lantern Award showcases an Emergency Department's accomplishments in incorporating evidence-based practice and innovation into emergency care. EDs are encouraged to share stories that highlight a commitment to care of patients as well as well-being of nursing staff. The award serves as a visible symbol of the YNHCH commitment to quality, safety and a healthy work environment.

"This is a well-deserved acknowledgement of the emergency department team," said Jason Malia, RN, director, Emergency and Procedural Services, YNHCH. "The past few years have challenged our teams to think differently and adapt quickly. This reflects our team's success in leadership, practice, education, advocacy and research. We care for the sickest and most critically injured children, adolescents and young adults in our community. Our Lantern application demonstrated the strength of our nursing professionalism and inter-professional collaboration showing that we do our best together."

Yale New Haven Children's Hospital (YNHCH) offers Connecticut's largest and most comprehensive array of pediatric services. With 212 licensed beds, YNHCH includes two neonatal intensive care units, a pediatric cardiac intensive care unit, a pediatric intensive care unit, a 24-hour pediatric emergency room and a pediatric surgery center. YNHCH, with campuses in New Haven and Bridgeport, is part of the nationally recognized Yale New Haven Hospital, a 1,541-bed not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Yale School of Medicine. The Yale New Haven Hospital campuses and associated ambulatory sites are Magnet-designated by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. In addition to its inpatient units, YNHCH has three Pediatric Specialty Centers in New Haven and others in Norwalk, Greenwich, Trumbull and Old Saybrook to provide specialty care to children closer to their communities. ynhch.org.

The Emergency Nurses Association is the premier professional nursing association dedicated to defining the future of emergency nursing through advocacy, education, research, innovation, and leadership. Founded in 1970, ENA has proven to be an indispensable resource to the global emergency nursing community. With more than 50,000 members worldwide, ENA advocates for patient safety, develops industry-leading practice standards and guidelines, and guides emergency healthcare public policy. ENA members have expertise in triage, patient care, disaster preparedness, and all aspects of emergency care. Additional information is available at www.ena.org.