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Connecticut Hospital Association to Recognize Manchester Memorial Hospital Operating Room Nurse Linda Cloutier, RN, as a 2012 Healthcare Hero

WALLINGFORD – At its 94th Annual Meeting on June 27, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will recognize Linda Cloutier, RN, Operating Room Nurse, Eastern Connecticut Health Network – Manchester Memorial Hospital (MMH), as a *2012 Healthcare Hero*. She was nominated for this award by her colleagues Linda Lemire, RN, NEA-BC, and Cheryl Petrarca, RN, CNOR.

While working full-time as a surgical technologist at MMH, she studied full-time and finished nursing school. Linda has always been a role model, setting examples with her commitment to continuing education and hard work toward her goals. In addition to her strong clinical and critical thinking skills, Linda demonstrates a strong commitment to making things better in her unit and in the hospital in general. Linda is always focused on the patients and her care of them while incorporating evidence-based practices.

CHA's Healthcare Heroes award was developed in 2002 to celebrate the invaluable contributions of healthcare workers, both to their field and to the community at large. Now in its 11th year, the presentation of the Healthcare Heroes awards has become a highlight of CHA's Annual Meeting.



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About CHA

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, and hospital reimbursement.