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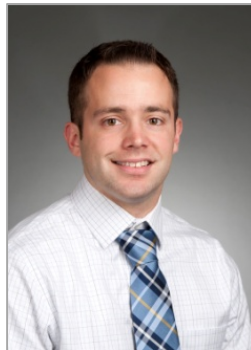
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Connecticut Hospital Association to Recognize Hartford Hospital's Christopher Rusate, RN, as a 2012 Healthcare Hero

WALLINGFORD – At its 94th Annual Meeting on June 27, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will recognize Christopher Rusate, RN, Clinical Leader, Surgical Trauma ICU, Hartford Hospital, as a *2012 Healthcare Hero*. He was nominated for this award by his colleague Patricia A. Veronneau, RN, MSN, Nursing Coordinator.

Christopher has consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic, empathy, and compassion for his patients and their families. Over the past six years Christopher, a medical missionary, has traveled twice a year to Haiti with the Bethesda Evangelical Mission (BEM), providing primary care to underprivileged Haitians of all ages including well visits, blood pressure screening, and education to prevent illness. In the past five months, he has seen more than 1,400 patients.

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.