



2019 Nurse of the Year Finalists

Adult Health

Priscilla Callahan- Jefferson Health New Jersey
Geraldine Cruz - Trinitas Regional Medical Center
Sharon Foster- Capital Health
Samantha Geiger- Hunterdon Healthcare System
Debra Pracko-Wagner – Capital Health
Susan Sutphen – Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

Advanced Practice

Beth Karasin- Atlantic NeuroSurgical Specialists
Debora La Torre- CVS Minute Clinic
Jonathan Paolini - Inspira Health Network
Janette Parsons – Riverview Medical Center
Susan Pillet – Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey
Sherry Stein - Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

Critical Care

Melissa Fanelle – Inspira Health Network
Sunu Joseph- Bergen New Bridge Medical Center
Virginia Murphy – Englewood Health
Rosemarie Pinlac- Riverview Medical Center
Kristen Russell –Jefferson Health New Jersey
Emily Sinclair– Inspira Health Network

Neonatal and Pediatrics

Joan Carberry- Inspira Health Network
Cynthia DeRosa - Amerigroup
Loretta Dolan- Amerigroup
Nina Halstead – The Valley Hospital
Barbara Midure-Crofton - Jefferson Health New Jersey
Elaine Tirona – University Hospital

Non-Hospital & Home Healthcare

Arnita Cook – Horizon NJ Health
Michelle Goncalves - Amerigroup
Karen Kelly- Bayada Home Health Care
Lee Ann Lawson – Amicus Therapeutics
Valerie Schiafone – Amerigroup
Jamila Vasquez – Aetna Better Health of New Jersey

Nurse Educator

Amita Avadhani – Rutgers School of Nursing
Rocel Besa – Riverview Medical Center
Erica Edfort – Chamberlain University College of Nursing
Paula Greenbaum – Jefferson Health New Jersey
Yolanda Nelson – The College of New Jersey
Kristen Paladino- Trinitas Regional Medical Center

Nurse Leader

Prisca Anuforo - Kean University
Alicia Fereno – Rose Garden Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
Gail Johnson – Capital Health
Constance Kozachek- Trinitas School of Nursing
Rona Remstein – Capital Health
Erin Salmond – Jersey City Medical Center

Nurse Manager

Diane Boka – Capital Health
Patricia Mezzina – Jersey Shore Medical Center
Colleen Price – Capital Health
Margaret Rosso – Jefferson Health New Jersey
Judy Surko – Riverview Medical Center
Umamaheswari Venugopal – Saint Peter's University Hospital

Nursing Research, Evidence-Based Practice & Informatics

Sami Abate – Inspira Health Network
Katherine Donaldson – Capital Health
Barbara Grande - Capital Health
Katherine Hinic – Seton Hall University
Kimberly Kruesi – Riverview Medical Center
Cecile Malinit – Raritan Bay Medical Center

Rising Star

Alison Brencher – Jefferson Health New Jersey
Dallas Ciadelli – Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital
Madhuwattie Parsam – Jersey City Medical Center
Erica Perez – Monmouth Medical Center, Southern Campus
Emily Rosenberger – CentraState Healthcare System
Arianna Zito – Jefferson Health New Jersey

Women's Health

Deborah Frye – Inspira Health Network
Patty Ann Hansen - Riverview Medical Center
Elizabeth Perry – Jefferson Health New Jersey
Rosa Stewart – The Valley Hospital
Leocadie Toussaint – Englewood Health
Tina Vigna – Capital Health