

# March of Dimes

## Nurse of The Year Finalists 2017

### Academic Educator

Ann Marie Mauro – Rutgers School of Nursing  
G. Elaine Patterson – Ramapo College of New Jersey  
Judith Lothian – Seton Hall University College of Nursing  
Nadine Aktan – William Paterson University Department of Nursing  
Sharon Byrne – The College of New Jersey

### Adult Critical Care Emergency

Ariel Echevarria – Inspira Medical Center Elmer  
Maria Elena Holguin – RWJ University Hospital Somerset  
Maritza Beniquez – University Hospital  
Mary Beth Leaton – Morristown Medical Center  
Maureen Aguis-Scheeler – Saint Clare's Hospital, Dover

### Community/Public Health, Hospital Based Clinics and Occupational Safety

Amber Rabines – Partnership for Maternal & Child Health of Northern New Jersey  
Angelica Montanez – Jewish Renaissance Medical Center  
Midge Ann Clarke – Zufall Health Center  
Nelly Quinones - Partnership for Maternal & Child Health of Northern New Jersey  
Tracy Perron – The College of New Jersey

### General Adult Acute Care

Ellen Ciacciarelli – Centrastate Medical Center  
Heather Carpenito – Inspira Medical Center Woodbury  
Janine Meehan – Kennedy Health  
Melanie Vernacchia – Monmouth Medical Center, Southern Campus  
Melissa O'Sullivan – Kennedy Health

### Hospice, Home Health Palliative Care, Long Term Acute Care

Barbara Comito – Englewood Hospital and Medical Center  
Francis Chege – Preferred Home Health Care  
Kristen Walsh – Morristown Medical Center  
Ronni Feigin – Hackensack Meridian Health  
Sharon Heath – Inspira Medical Center Woodbury

### Neonatal

Elzbieta Slugocka – Jersey City Medical Center  
Kathleen Thompson – Inspira Medical Center  
Suzanne Buda – Morristown Medical Center  
Veronica Barcelona – Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital  
Wendy Dabney – The Valley Hospital

### Nurse Educator

Cristen Mackwell – Newton Medical Center  
Grace Carcich – Prime Healthcare  
Jill Mahony – Capital Health Regional Medical Center  
Stefanie Giddens – St. Joseph's Healthcare System  
Susan DeGennaro – Englewood Hospital and Medical Center

### Nursing Administration

Beth Waters – Hackettstown Medical Center  
Judy Colorado – Monmouth Medical Center, Southern Campus  
Mary Jo Loughlin – Hunterdon Healthcare  
Sharon Slavic – Inspira Health Network  
Susan Fulginiti – Kennedy Health

### Pediatrics

Gerise Carter – The Valley Hospital  
Karen Kelly – ComForCare Homecare  
Linda Blanco – The Valley Hospital  
Rani Thomas – University Hospital  
Sevasti Loulla Kijek – Morristown Medical Center

### Research

Barbara Cannella – Rutgers School of Nursing  
Leslie Wright-Brown – Saint Barnabas Medical Center  
Mildred Kowalski – Morristown Medical Center  
Sami Abate – Inspira Health Network  
Wendy Budin – Rutgers School of Nursing

### Rising Star

Anoush Kalachian – Englewood Hospital and Medical Center  
Erica Goodrich – Saint Clare's Hospital, Denville  
Isaac Delbury – Newton Medical Center  
Joyce Hogan – Inspira Health Network  
Jennifer Cuttito – Newton Medical Center

### Women's Health

Joan Zaccardi - Urogynecology Arts of New Jersey  
Kaaba Chenault – Raritan Bay Medical Center  
Katherine Donaldson – Capital Health Medical Center-Hopewell  
Monica Myron – Overlook Medical Center  
Olga Barry – University Hospital