

Sparrow Hospital Recognized as One of Nation's Best Hospitals for Nursing Excellence

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LANSING, Mich. — Sparrow Hospital has earned the nation's most prestigious honor for nursing achievement and excellence – American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program®. Considered the "gold standard" for nursing care in hospitals, status as a Magnet recognized organization is held by only about 5 percent of America's hospitals.

"We are absolutely honored with this national recognition," said Elizabeth Henry, RN, MN, senior vice president of patient services and chief nursing officer "It truly recognizes the excellent professional practice that Sparrow nurses deliver every day in our community."

Magnet recognition was granted after a rigorous process that began in 2005 and included multiple stages of review and an on-site appraisal. The Magnet Commission voted unanimously to grant Magnet recognition to Sparrow.

"Magnet recognition is a genuine mark of excellence for our nursing program and our entire organization," said Dennis A. Swan, Sparrow President and CEO. "We thank the whole Sparrow family for their dedication to clinical and service excellence for every patient, every time."

According to the ANCC, research indicates that Magnet hospitals produce better patient outcomes than other hospitals. Independent research also shows that hospitals with Magnet recognition consistently outperform their peers in recruiting and retaining nurses, resulting in increased stability in patient care throughout those hospitals. The ANCC is the largest and most prominent nursing credentialing organization in the United States.