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## **AMERICAN NURSES CREDENTIALING CENTER (ANCC) AND CERNER CORPORATION ANNOUNCE THE 2008 MAGNET PRIZE™ WINNER – ABINGTON HOSPITAL**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and Cerner Corporation, a leading supplier of healthcare information technology, announced Abington Hospital as the winner of this year's 2008 Magnet Prize at the National Magnet Conference in Salt Lake City, UT at the Salt Palace Convention Center, October 15-17. This award recognizes innovative nursing programs and practices in ANCC Magnet-recognized organizations.

Only ANCC Magnet-designated organizations are eligible for the prize. The Magnet Recognition Program® was developed to recognize organizations that elevate health care by developing new and innovative policies and procedures that strengthen patient care through the nursing profession. Abington's accomplishments are reflective of an institution that strives and maintains the highest levels of excellence. This year's choice recognizes excellence in the development of the Daily "CARE" Program which strives to include patients in their own care by, for example, providing them with standardized information upon admission and discharge from the hospital. This, along with other innovations, promotes the delivery of patient-centered, high quality care.

"Patients are kept informed about the medications they are receiving, tests and procedures scheduled for the day, and other pertinent information, such as allergies and advance directives," said Barbara Wadsworth, chief nursing officer, AMH. "Using layperson's language, the Daily CARE Plan encourages the patient to become a partner in their plan of care as the patient accesses and reviews information pertinent to their hospitalization."

"It becomes increasingly clear that as healthcare continues to evolve, our policies and procedures for patient care must evolve as well. The Daily "CARE" Program exemplifies this philosophy by creating a system that both educates patients and enables them to participate in the best care for them," says ANCC President, Debbie Hatmaker, PhD, RN, SANE-A.

"We are so pleased once again to be the sponsor of the ANCC Magnet Prize Award which is the pinnacle of innovation and quality in Magnet Hospitals. Awarding Abington this year with the ANCC Magnet Prize allows us to highlight an organization that has moved beyond simple technology system outputs and created innovation with patients at the heart of this effort. It is always exciting to see patients engaged and involved in driving the innovation in healthcare. After all it is the patients that drive the innovation in quality outcomes," said Roy L. Simpson RN, FNAP, FAAN, Vice President Nursing, Cerner Corporation.

### **About the Magnet Prize**

In 2002, ANCC established The Magnet Prize™ to be presented to a Magnet-recognized facility whose nursing staff spearheaded exemplary achievements in nursing, including program innovations, technology innovations, applied translational innovations, distinguished accomplishments in research, or panoramic excellence in practice. This award serves as a means for acknowledging peak performance within credentialed Magnet organizations.

### **About Abington Memorial Hospital**

Abington Memorial Hospital is a 570-bed, acute care teaching hospital with a medical staff of more than 900 physicians and more than 5,000 employees. These professionals provide medical care and health services to residents of Bucks, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties. A



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regional provider, Abington Memorial Hospital has the only Level II accredited trauma center in Montgomery County and offers highly specialized services in cardiac care, cancer care, neurosciences, orthopedics and maternal child health. Please visit [www.amh.org](http://www.amh.org) to learn more.

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