

Celebrating nurse-led interdisciplinary team collaboration

Administering medications or bandaging a wound may feel like ordinary tasks to a nurse, but sometimes it's the simple things that leave a lasting impression on patients and their families. Every day, nurses touch the lives of others with sensitivity, care, patience and kindness. It's this lasting memory of great nursing care that led the family of J. Patrick Barnes to create the DAISY Award in 1999. This honor acknowledges and publicly thanks nurses around the world for their extraordinary compassion and dedication to patient care.

Since 2005, Washington Hospital has participated in the DAISY Award program by recognizing individual nurses for outstanding patient care. In 2019, the Hospital introduced the DAISY Team Award to honor collaboration by two or more people, led by a nurse, who identify and meet patient and family needs by going above and beyond the traditional role of nursing.

The recipient of the first DAISY Team Award is the 3 West nurses (now 4 West), for their teamwork in achieving exceptional outcomes in the areas of patient safety and hospital-acquired conditions that outperformed national benchmarks. As a result



Team DAISY: 3W nurses (now 4W)

Note: This photo was taken in 2019 before the COVID-19 pandemic. Face masks are currently mandatory in all Washington Hospital facilities for everyone's protection.



Interprofessional Team Award: Stroke Team

of their commitment to nursing interventions that ensure the safety of every patient, the unit went more than 12 months without a fall with injury, central-line associated blood stream infection, or catheter-associated urinary tract infection.

Washington Hospital also recognizes excellence in interdisciplinary teamwork with the Interprofessional Team Award, and this year's recipient is the Stroke Team. Care of acute stroke patients is a collaborative effort involving physicians, nurses, therapists and technicians across a variety of departments. Through the combined efforts of the team and continual focus on patient-centered care, stroke patients at Washington Hospital demonstrate higher rates of return to neurological baseline function as compared to other California hospitals.