

UCSF Health Nursing Excellence Award Recipients

AWARD/YEAR	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023-2024 Nursing Excellence Categories	2023	2024	Updated Nursing Excellence Categories	2025
Distinguished Nursing Award	Jayne McCullough, Adult Medical/Surgical ICU	Jeselle "Jesse" M. Abilla, BSN, RN, PCCN, CCRN, CN III	Sylvie Baudart, RN, MS, CCRN	Amy Kangwankij, CS	Martha Mehr, RN- CN III ICN	Leigh Ann Ambrose, BSN, RN, PHN, CEN CNIV, Mission Bay Emergency Department	Tiny Ly, RN CNIII, Intensive Care Nursery	Distinguished Nursing Award	John Sedgwick, MSN, RN, CCRN, OCRN CNIII, 9ICU Medical Intensive Care Unit	Kathleen Cinelli, BSN, RN, CCRN CNIII, Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit, Mission Bay	Distinguished Nursing Award	
Excellence in Nursing Leadership	Janet Corroo, MZ Headache Center	Lee Greenholtz, Adult Intensive Cardiac Care & Parnassus Adult Rapid Response Team	Bart Reyes, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and BMT Unit & Marisa A. Quinn, Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, Infusion Center	Flo Agudelo, 11/12L	Paula Williams, RN, BSN, PCCN, Unit Director- 14 M	Nicole Giacosa, BSN, RN Patient Care Manager, Mission Bay Infusion Center	Catherine Mitsuoaka, RN Nurse Manager, Infusion Center, Cancer Center	Nursing Leadership - Adult Ambulatory Services	Sarah Brynelson, RN, MS, CNS Nurse Manager, Pain Management Center	No submissions	Nursing Leadership	
								Nursing Leadership - Adult Services	Irish Criseno, MSN, RN Unit Director, Central Resource Group - Nursing Administrative Office and Adult Float Pool	Mya Hamilton Childers, MS, RN, CCRN-K Unit Director, 6/10 ICC, Parnassus		
								Nursing Leadership - Pediatric Ambulatory Services	Alicia Che-Leung Heilman, BSN, BA, RN Assistant Unit Director, Stad Center for Pediatric Pain, Palliative & Integrative Medicine, Pediatric Pain Management Clinic, Pediatric Palliative Care Clinic, Pediatric FLIGHT Service	Kristina Kitajima, MSN, RN Nurse Manager, Pediatric Specialties Clinics, Mission Bay		
								Nursing Leadership - Pediatric Services	Bridget Canty, MSN, RN Director of Pediatric Critical Care, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit	Jennifer Gantz, MSN, RN, RNC-NIC, NE-BC Unit Director, C3 Intensive Care Nursery, Mission Bay		
Excellence in Community Service	Mary Ho, Adult Medical/Surgical ICU	Kelly Timothy, Adult Medical Surgical Intensive Care Unit	No submissions	Elisabeth Gundersen, 9/13 ICU	Johanna Powers, RN, MSN, CNOR, CNIII- Adult OR	Chrystin Palec, RN CNIII, Mission Bay Emergency Department	Selena Sriban, RN CNII, Medical Intensive Care Unit	Community Service	Rosa Villarreal, RN CNII, MB Endoscopy	Samantha Lee, RN, CCRN & Brittany Fitzwater, RN Medical Intensive Care Unit, Parnassus	Community Service	
Excellence in Cardiovascular Nursing	Suzanne Lam, Adult Interventional Cardiology	Maureen Carroll, Office of Population Health & Accountable Care (OPHAC)	Katherine Finlay, PCICU	Susan Woodard, Cardiac Stress Testing Lab	Jaclyn Wright, RN, BS- CNIII, PCICU	No submissions	Marie Abinader-Jamie, RN CNII, Pediatric Cardiovascular Critical Care Unit Ernst Jeriel "EJ" Esmillo, RN CNII, Adult Intensive Cardiac Care Unit	Cardiovascular Nursing - Sheila Mann	Lindsay Meyer, RN CNII, Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit	Maryalice Gowen, BSN, RN CNIII, Pediatric Mechanical Circulatory Support, Mission Bay Anita Lin, RN CNII, 6L Cardiovascular Thoracic, Parnassus	Cardiovascular Nursing - Sheila Mann	
Excellence in Acute & Transitional Care Nursing	Lena Ngo, Pediatric Acute Care and Transitional Care Unit	Roselle deGuzman, Adult General Surgery	Yin Lo, Medical/Surgical High Acuity Unit	Theresa Han, 7L	Jennifer Zott, RN, BSN, PCCN- CN II, 14 M	Issa Joachim, BSN, RN, CHPN Adult General Medicine	No submissions	Medical-Surgical Nursing - Adult Services	Warren Payneta, MSN, RN, CMSRN CNIII, 15L Charge Nurse Station	Jennifer Munoz, RN CNIII, 4E/5N Acute Care, Mount Zion	Medical-Surgical Nursing	
								Medical-Surgical Nursing - Pediatric Services	Mayra Marquez, RN CNII, 5 Surgical Oakland	Monica Leonor, MSN, RN, CPN CNII, Charge Nurse, CS Medical Surgical Pediatrics, Mission Bay		
Excellence in Critical Care Nursing	Amie Roberts, Adult Medical/Surgical ICU	Sylvie Baudart, Adult Intensive Cardiac Care	Amy Mandis, Critical Care Resource Team Central Resource Group	Liz Medalle, ICN	Josephine Kenning, RN- CNIII, 6/10 ICU	Kelly Connel, MS, RN CNII, Intensive Care Nursery	Shea Williams, RN, CCRN CNII, Adult Medical Intensive Care Unit	Critical Care Nursing - Adult Services - Clifford K. & Avola Wilson Memorial	Danica Cunanan, BSN, RN, CCRN CNII, 9ICU Medical Intensive Care Unit	Renee Phibbs, BSN, RN CNII, Adult Surgical Intensive Care Unit, Parnassus	Critical Care Nursing - Clifford K. & Avola Wilson Memorial	
								Critical Care Nursing - Pediatric Services - Clifford K. & Avola Wilson Memorial	Baron Bautista, BSN, CCRN, CFRN CNIII, Pediatric Transport Team	Diane Yang, RN Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Oakland		
Excellence in Neuroscience Nursing	Amy Dunne, Adult Neurological ICU	Cynthia Fialho, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit	Lindsay Neville, 8L	Ivy Wong, Neuro IR	Hulling Yang, RN, BSN, SCR- CN II, 8 L	Lisa Mannheim, RN CNII, Radiation Oncology Gamma Knife Program	No submissions	Neuroscience Nursing - Helen B. Ripple	Bernice Cheng, PNP Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Neurology Clinic Oakland	Louise Dowd, RN CNIII, Neurosciences Intensive Care Unit, Parnassus	Neuroscience Nursing - Helen B. Ripple	
Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing	Nicholas Carvelli, Orthopedic Institute	Shelley Diane, Pediatric Critical Care	Lisa Tsang, Hematology/Oncology/BMT	Chrissie Smith, CWOEN, Benioff Children's Hospital	Monica Volz, FNP-BC, MSN, RN, Movement Disorder & Neuromodulation Center	Naomi Jay, PhD, RN Nurse Practitioner, UCSF ANCRE Center	Mary Lesh, MSN, CPNP-PC, PHN, CNS, RN Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Hematology Clinic	Nursing Practice and Professional Development	Lori Fineman, MS, CNS, CCRN Clinical Nurse Specialist, Pediatric Cardiac ICU	Vickie Thun, MS, RN, FNP-BC Wound Ostomy, Continence Nurse, Center for Nursing Excellence & Innovation	Nursing Practice and Professional Development	
Excellence in Oncology Nursing	Courtney Williamson, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology/BMT	Melissa Valdellon, Adult Gynecologic Surgical Oncology Practice		Kathy Ho, C6	Leanne Parsons, RN, MSN, Retinoblastoma Nurse Coordinator, Pediatric Surgical Specialties Interim Nurse Supervisor-Pediatric Surgical Subspecialty	Karen Wong, RN, OCN CNII, Adult Hematology, Oncology, Bone Marrow Transplant	Zachary Johnston, BSN, RN, CHPN CNIII, 11/12 Long, Hematology, Oncology, Bone Marrow Transplant	Oncology Nursing - Adult Services - Jeanne Yalon	Cationa Earnshaw, RN CNII, 11L MedSurg-Onc/BMT B	Claire Flatley, BSN, RN, OCN CNIII, Thoracic Oncology, Mission Bay	Oncology Nursing - Jeanne Yalon	
								Oncology Nursing - Pediatric Services - Jeanne Yalon	Stephanie O'Shea, RN CNII, C6 Pediatric Hematology Oncology BMT	Amy Quesada, BSN CNII, C6 Pediatric Hematology Oncology BMT, Mission Bay		
Excellence in Ambulatory Nursing	Brittany Leaman, Pediatric Medical Specialties	Morgan Crow, Pediatric Surgical Specialties	Amanda Schnell-Heringer, Advanced Heart Failure & Pulmonary Hypertension Program	Jacquelyn Shadmand, Fetal Treatment Center	Eve Cohen, RN- CNII, Outpatient Palliative Care Service	Shayne Cordozo, BSN, RN CNIII, Thoracic Surgery Clinic	Wendy Chin, RN CNII, Pulmonary and ILD at Parnassus (Lung Health Center)	Ambulatory Nursing - Adult Services	Lilly Chan, RN CNII, General Internal Medicine Clinic	Alison Guichard, RN, AMB-BC CNII, OB GYN Faculty Practice, Mount Zion	Ambulatory Nursing	
								Ambulatory Nursing - Pediatric Services	Valerie Cantrel, BSN, RN, AMB-BC CNII, Pediatric Rheumatology Clinic	Jamie Romani, RN CNII, Developmental Medicine-Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics Clinic, Pritzker Building		

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Colleague of Nursing	Jason Ketchem, Respiratory Therapist	Kathleen Liu MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Adult Critical Care & Nephrology	Andrea Baird, Social Work, Pulmonary Hypertension and Lung Transplant	Naveen Swami, MD, CT Surgery, Benioff Children's Heart Center	Matthias Braehler, MD, PhD, PACU Medical Director and Professor of Clinical Anesthesia, ML PACU	Adrian Martinez, RCP, RRT-NPS, RRT-ACCS Respiratory Care Services	Kristen Szeto Patient Care Assistant, Adult Medical Intensive Care Unit David Woolsey, RCP Respiratory Clinical Specialist, Respiratory Care Services	Interprofessional Colleague	Brianna Negrete, MM, MT-BC, NICU MT Music Therapist, Child Life Services (Music Therapy)	Jamie Kimmel Staff Chaplain, Parnassus	Interprofessional Colleague	
Excellence in Perinatal Nursing	Ana Estrada-Yost, Intensive Care Nursery	Elizabeth Harrington, Birth Center	Amber Mason, Intensive Care Nursery	Samantha Wynn, ICN	Anna Delker, RN- CNIII, ICN	Inrid Scozzafava, BSN, RN, RNC-MNN Mission Bay Postpartum Birth Center	Megan Brown, RN CNII, Intensive Care Nursery	Perinatal Nursing	Thanh (Tee) Tran, RN CNIII, Intensive Care Nursery	Janice Tinsley, RN CNIII, Birth Center, Labory and Delivery Antepartum Thanh (Tee) Tran, RN CNIII, Intensive Care Nursery	Perinatal Nursing	
Excellence in Perioperative Nursing	Kimberley Grossweiler, PACU	Virgie Dalumay, Mount Zion Operating Room	Elizabeth Borczynski, Perianesthesia Care Unit ML	Jennifer Shauli, ML PACU	Michelle Sheppard, RN, Interim Assistant Unit Director, ML PACU	Maria C "Tina" Calvo, RN CNII, Moffitt Long PACU	No submissions	Perioperative Nursing - Adult Services	Christina Walter, RN CNII, Mount Zion Operating Room	Stephanie Wu, BSN CNII, Endoscopy, Parnassus	Perioperative Nursing	
								Perioperative Nursing - Pediatric Services	Patricia Stone-Makori, RN, CNOR CNII, Mission Bay Pediatric Operating Room	Odessa Robinson, RN Pediatric Preop/PACU, BCH Oakland		
							Excellence in Emergency Nursing	Emergency Nursing - Adult Services	Murphy Ellis, BSN, RN, CEN CNII, Emergency Department: Parnassus	Bianca Wallace, RN Emergency Department, Parnassus	Emergency Nursing	
								Emergency Nursing - Pediatric Services	Carrie McGuinness, RN Charge Nurse, Emergency Department, BCH Oakland	Kevin Bronson-Castain, PhD, RN Emergency Department, Oakland		
								Perianesthesia Nursing - Adult Services	Monte Soza, BSN, RN, CPAN CNII, Mission Bay Adult Preop/PACU	Ashley Thomas, BSN, RN, CPAN, PMGT-BC CNIII, Perianesthesia Units, Parnassus		
								Perianesthesia Nursing - Pediatric Services	Alex Wu, RN CNII, Pediatric Operating Room	No submissions		
						Preceptor	Preceptor Award-Adults Services	Preceptor Award-Adults Services	Trisha Davis, BSN, RN, CCRN CNII, 9 Medical Intensive Care Unit	Emily Smith, RN, CCRN CNII, 6/10 ICC Unit, Parnassus	Preceptor Award-Adults Services	
								Preceptor Award- Pediatric Services	Kelli Flannery-Cid, RN CNIII, Peds Hem/Onc/BMT	Naomi Takazawa, RN, CNII Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Mission Bay	Preceptor Award- Pediatric Services	
								Preceptor Award- Ambulatory Services	No submissions	No submissions		
								Patient Care Support Colleague (renamed to Clinical Care Partners)	Maria Lorenzana HUSC, 9ICU Medical Intensive Care Unit	Replaced category with Clinical Care Partners subcategories		
								Clinical Care Partner - Adult Services	David Vilan PCA, 8Long Neurosciences Parnassus	Carolina Holloway, Medical Assistant ADT Neurosurgery Spine Parnassus	Exceptional Clinical Care Partner	
								Clinical Care Partner - Pediatric Services	Liu Zeng PCA, CS Pediatrics Mission Bay	No submissions		
								Clinical Care Partner - Critical Care - Adult Services	Helcerna Hernandez PCA, Medical Intensive Care Unit Parnassus	January Agno, Hospital Unit Service Coordinator Medical Intensive Care Unit Parnassus		
								Clinical Care Partner - Critical Care - Pediatric Services	No submissions	No submissions		
								Clinical Care Partner - Perioperative Care - Adult Services	Rolando Mendoza Surg Tech, Operating Room Mount Zion	Imelda Romero Phillips, Hospital Unit Service Coordinator PACU Parnassus		
								Clinical Care Partner - Perioperative Care - Pediatric Services	Cory Reyburn Surg Tech, Operating Room Mission Bay	No submissions		
								Clinical Care Partner - Emergency - Adult Services	Jose Gonzales-Villareal PCT, Emergency Department Parnassus	Juan Serrato, Patient Care Technician Emergency Department, Parnassus		
								Clinical Care Partner - Emergency - Pediatric Services	Gabriel McMillan PCT, Emergency Department Mission Bay	No submissions		
								Clinical Care Partner - Ambulatory - Adult Services	Nelli Torchyan MA, GI Clinic Mount Zion	No submissions		
								Clinical Care Partner - Ambulatory - Pediatric Services	Dora Kaywood MA, Pediatric Brain Center Mission Bay	No submissions		
								Clinical Care Partner - Procedural - Adult Services	No submissions	No submissions		
								Clinical Care Partner - Procedural - Pediatric Services	No submissions	No submissions		

Past Distinguished Nurse Award Winners

Year	Winner
2023	John Sedgwick, MSN, RN, CCRN, OCRNCNIII, 9ICU Medical Intensive Care Unit
2022	Tiny Ly, RNCNIII, Intensive Care Nursery
2021	Leigh Ann Ambrose, BSN, RN, PHN, CENCNIV, Mission Bay Emergency Department
2020	Martha Mehr, RN- CN III ICN
2019	Amy Kangwankij, C5
2018	Sylvie Baudart, RN, MS, CCRN
2017	Jeselle "Jesse" M. Abilla, BSN, RN, PCCN, CCRN, CN III
2016	Jayne McCullough, Adult Medical/Surgical ICU
2015	David Orth, RN, MSN, CN III
2014	Jeanne Buchannan, BSN, CDE
2013	Denise Barchas, RN, MSN, CN II
2012	Sue Peloquin RN, CN IV
2011	Kathleen Bowman, RN, CN III
2010	Patricia Dillon, RN, CNIII
2009	Melanie Abrams, RN, CNII
2008	Robin Bisgaard, RN, CNIII
2007	Julia Chinn, RN, CNIII
2006	Nubia King, RN, CNIII
2005	Laura Malik, RN, HNIII
2004	Cathy Schuster, RN, BSN, CCRN
2003	Nancy Newton, RN
2002	Linda Boline, RN
	Mary Schreiber, RN
	Karen Solov, RN
2001	Kathryn Duffy, RN
	Kathleen Rassas, RN
2000	Kelly Connell, RN
1999	Kimberly Scurr, RN
1998	Sherrie Christensen, RN
1997	Sheila Gleeson, RN
1996	Judith Kletter, RN
1995	Carla Graf, RN
1994	Virginia Farnsworth, RN
	Scott Wolfe, RN
1993	Karen Scobie, RN
1992	Amanda Bolden, RN
	Deborah Jones, RN
1991	Hilde Schell, RN, BSN
1990	Mary Reid, RN, BS
1989	Amy Gunn-Milton, RN
1988	Helen Archer-Dusté, RN, MS
1987	Kathleen A. Schmidt, RN, MS
1986	Mary Dunselman, RN
1985	Elaine J. McKenna, RN, MS
1984	Micaela Thompson, RN, BA, BS