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Frederick Health Achieves Milestone Magnet Recognition for Nursing Excellence

Second time the healthcare system has earned this designation

Frederick, MD – March 6, 2025 Frederick Health has achieved the prestigious Magnet® redesignation for Nursing Excellence, conferred by the American Nurses Credentialing Center Magnet Recognition Program. Frederick Health first earned Magnet recognition in 2020 and was informed of its redesignation on February 25, 2025. For over forty years, Magnet designation is considered the industry gold standard for nursing excellence awarded to a healthcare organization. Frederick Health is the only hospital in western Maryland with this distinction.

Frederick Health is among the 10% of Magnet-recognized healthcare organizations in the United States and is one of only 12 acute care hospitals in Maryland to hold this distinction. Healthcare consumers view the Magnet designation as a credential for top-notch nursing care. Receiving this recognition for the quality of our nursing practice reinforces the fact that Frederick Health is making real contributions to our community by keeping patients healthy, informed, and safe.

“Earning the prestigious Magnet designation for the second time is further validation of the excellent care the Frederick Health team delivers to patients every day,” said Dr. Jamie White, Vice President of Patient Care & Chief Nursing Officer.

Magnet recognition demonstrates a high level of engagement and a healthy work environment. The redesignation is a rigorous and lengthy application process, including a three-day on-site validation and review by the Commission on Magnet Recognition. Appraisers reviewed 3,000 pages of narratives with evidence and spoke with nearly 500 staff members during a site visit in December 2024. Standards for this designation increase every four years when organizations seek renewal of their Magnet status. To maintain this designation, Frederick Health demonstrated improvements such as increasing the percentage of nurses with advanced degrees, having additional research studies, and increasing quality patient outcomes and satisfaction.

“With a team of nearly 1,000 nurses, Frederick Health takes great pride in this redesignation. Being recognized by Magnet also helps Frederick Health recruit and retain the best nurses available. That translates into better care for the community we serve,” added Dr. White.

In addition to this esteemed honor, the Magnet appraisers praised the work and commitment of Frederick Health and highlighted that the organization outperformed national benchmarks, including:

- 100% of reporting inpatient units for blood stream infections
- 100% of reporting inpatient units for pressure injuries

- 100% of reporting ambulatory units for coronary interventions
- 100% of reporting ambulatory units for patient burns
- 100% of reporting ambulatory units for surgical errors
- 92% unit-level professional board certification
- The ongoing Stroke Smart Initiative
- The ongoing cultural and socially sensitive care provided by Frederick Health Hospice and Forensic Nursing teams

To learn more about Frederick Health's Magnet redesignation, please visit frederickhealth.org/Magnet.

About Frederick Health

Frederick Health offers a wide range of healthcare services to the residents of Frederick County. The system includes Frederick Health Hospital, Frederick Health Medical Group, Frederick Health Employer Solutions, Frederick Health Home Care, and Frederick Health Hospice. Frederick Health Medical Group offers over 20 medical and surgical specialties, supported by a team of 175 expert providers. The system operates several ambulatory care locations across Frederick County, including ten primary care practices, four urgent care centers, eight outpatient labs, the James M Stockman Cancer Institute, and Frederick Health Village. With 4,000 team members, Frederick Health provides a full spectrum of healthcare and wellness services to support its mission to positively impact the well-being of every individual in our community. Visit frederickhealth.org to learn more.

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