



## Press Release

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### 2020 WOCNCB® Employer Recognition Award Winner is St. Charles Health System Recognized for Unyielding Support for Professional CWOCN® Certification

**Milwaukee, WI – June 5, 2020** - The Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB®) proudly welcomes the St. Charles Health System to the renowned list of Employer Recognition Award winners! This award is given annually to honor an organization that has demonstrated exemplary support of the certification process in WOC nursing. Chosen from numerous candidates, St. Charles Health System located in Bend, Oregon, displays encouragement of advancement to all nurses within the organization seeking national specialty certification. The award was announced virtually during the 2020 WOCNext® Reimagined, the WOCN Society's Annual Conference.

*“What a great way to recognize this team for the outstanding patient care delivery, their ongoing commitment to continuing education, and their professional approach to promoting the important work of the WOCNCB.”* States Debra Robinson, RN, MS, CENP, FACHE, Chief Nursing Officer, St. Charles Bend.

St. Charles Health System employs 14 Certified Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses (CWOCN®) and provides care to a 32,000 square mile region, including four hospitals and a Wound & Ostomy Outpatient clinic. The vision of St. Charles Health system is “Create America’s Healthiest Community Together” using the values of “accountability, caring, and teamwork”. While the CWOCN® team is uniquely qualified to manage acute and chronic wounds, the team is a supported and valued resource for the St. Charles Health System’s multidisciplinary teams including vascular health, lymphedema, infectious disease, diabetic education and nutrition, and surgery. Additional the CWOCN® team provides orientation presentations to new caregivers, clinical in-services to inpatient nursing units and resources to bedside nurses.

The St. Charles Health System also supports the CWOCN® team’s outreach to outlying areas. . CWOCN®s provide clinical education to home health agencies, hospice organizations, skilled nursing facilities, prison medical staff, ostomy support groups, and on international mission trips. This community outreach and clinical teaching is important in this large, rural part of the state..

The expanding Skin Champion Program support by St. Charles shows the commitment to high quality patient care. Skin Champions are valuable resources to assist and guide staff with difficult and complex wounds, stage pressure injuries, and have a knowledge base of common and standardized wound care assessment and documentation.

St. Charles Health System encourages the CWOCN® team to share knowledge, support colleagues from other disciplines, and most importantly, improve patient care and outcomes.

Visit <http://wocncb.org/get-involved/employer-recognition-award> to view 2020 Employer Award winner video.

### About the WOCNCB®

Founded in 1978, WOCNCB® is a not-for-profit professional, international nursing organization certifying over 9,000 registered nurses who are specialists in the field of wound, ostomy, continence and foot care. WOCNCB® has Board Certified nurses in Canada, South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, the United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia.

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