

# Interdepartmental Collaboration

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## ► Critical Value Communications:

Critical Values are those laboratory test results defined as being immediately life threatening. The Laboratory calls these test values to a licensed caregiver on the patient's nursing unit or to a physician for an outpatient and asks for a read-back of the results. Nurses are then to call the patient's physician and/or act on pre-written orders and document these actions.

## ► Point-of-Care Reagents:

All Point-of-Care reagents must be dated when opened. Examples of the reagents are: glucose test strips, urine test strips, [box] of hemocult slides, control vials, hemocult developer, [box] of gastroc cult slides, [box] of Stratus test cartridges, [box] of Hemochron test cartridges, blood gas reagents, test kits, and Hemocue test strips.

Control vials have a 30-day outdate after being opened.

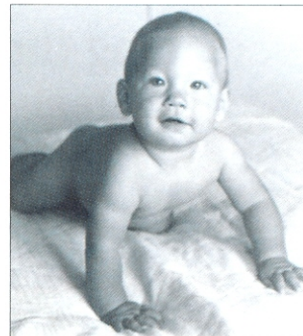
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# Who is This Mystery Nurse?

This is my 8-month-old photo. I graduated from the University of San Francisco in 1999. I have been at O'Connor Hospital for five years as an Intensive Care Unit nurse. I just got a Yorkshire terrier puppy whose name is

Muscles. I enjoy my time with my puppy. Who am I?



*Really, who am I?*

Your Guess:

*Find the answer on back page*

# California Nurses Foundation Nurse-to-Nurse Project

O'Connor Hospital has taken steps to support new graduates so they feel secure and safe while transitioning from their roles as student nurses to staff nurses. One important step is the formal New Graduate Orientation program. The other important step is the California Nurses Foundation (CNF) Nurse-to-Nurse Project.

O'Connor Hospital has been chosen as one of four Bay Area hospitals to receive this program, which is funded by a grant from the Gordon and Betty

Moore Foundation. The project consists of two different programs: a mentor and a preceptor component. The main difference between a mentor and a preceptor is that mentors support new RNs emotionally and

professionally, but play no formal clinical role.

In the initial phase of the project, a two-day mentorship-training workshop is being offered to direct care RNs who meet the project criteria. **Nurses who would like more information about the program are invited to fill out a**

**mentor interest form and fax it to the CNF.** They will be contacted.

Ashraf Gulzar RN, BSN is the Facility Nurse Liaison between O'Connor Hospital and CNF. Forms are posted on departmental

bulletin boards and can also be obtained from Ashraf Gulzar's office (room 402/404 in the '53 building) or call ext. 2971 for more information.

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## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2005

### Critical Care/Emergency Training Program

Next critical care program:  
Oct 10-14, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31

### ACLS Provider/Renewal Course

September 28, 29, & 30, 2005

### Compliance Carnival

October 27, 2005  
(8:00 a.m.)

### BLS Renewal Course

October 27, 2005  
(11:00 a.m.)

### Hospital Nursing Orientation

September 28 and October 12 & 26, 2005

### New Grads Program

First New Grad Group (Alpha)  
October 5, 2005  
Second New Grad Group (Beta)  
October 12, 2005

### Stroke Class

October 25, 2005

### Mentorship Workshop by CNF

October 20 & 21, 2005