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Missouri Baptist Medical Center Receives Magnet Designation for Nursing Excellence

MoBap is the first hospital in St. Louis County to receive the honor, which has been achieved by less than 7 percent of hospitals nationwide

ST. LOUIS (May 17, 2016) – Missouri Baptist Medical Center, a member of BJC HealthCare, has been named a Magnet® hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). The prestigious designation is the highest credential a healthcare organization can receive for nursing excellence and quality patient care. Only about 400 out of nearly 6,000 U.S. hospitals have achieved Magnet recognition.

Missouri Baptist joins fellow BJC hospitals Barnes-Jewish and St. Louis Children’s as the only Magnet-designated hospitals in St. Louis City and St. Louis County. In addition, BJC Healthcare’s Boone Hospital Center (Columbia, Mo.) and Memorial Hospital Belleville (Ill.) have also achieved this recognition. Across the state, Missouri Baptist is now among seven recognized hospitals in Missouri.

“Magnet is not a ‘one-time’ event, but a program that promotes the development of nursing practice through learning, leadership and collaboration,” said Tim Mislan, MS, BSN, RN, NEA-BC, Vice President of Patient Care Services & Chief Nursing Officer at Missouri Baptist. “Magnet is for more than our current team of nurses. This is about the professional environment we’ve built for the next generation of MoBap nurses and for the people in our community who will receive their care.”

An extensive application process and onsite evaluation is conducted by the ANCC, which assesses the hospital’s outcomes, professionalism of the nursing staff, use of evidence-based practices and research in clinical care, and overall patient-centered experience.

“Physicians recognize the value of practicing at a Magnet hospital,” said Mitchell Botney, MD, Chief Medical Officer at Missouri Baptist. “Magnet means we have the highest quality nursing team caring for our patients. MoBap nurses are true partners in care, applying their scientific knowledge and technical expertise, with an unmatched compassion that our patients and families feel.”
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The designation is for four years, through 2020. Magnet hospitals must continue to achieve rigorous standards to earn another four-year designation. Such high standards enable a hospital to attract and retain outstanding nurses, according to the ANCC, the largest nursing accrediting and credentialing organization in the United States.

“This achievement is shared by everyone at MoBap, as so many different people play a role in serving our patients,” said John Antes, Missouri Baptist President. “When there is teamwork between our skilled and passionate nurses, physicians, patient care technicians, food service employees, environmental services team, and many others, people in our community truly benefit from higher quality care and a better experience.”

Missouri Baptist employs more than 1,000 nurses in a variety of services. More than 60 percent of MoBap nurses have advanced education and specialty training.

About Missouri Baptist Medical Center

Missouri Baptist is a 489-bed acute-care hospital located in west St. Louis County and offers a full continuum of medical and surgical services, specializing in heart, cancer, gastrointestinal, orthopedic, neurological/spine and women’s health services. Missouri Baptist Medical Center is a member of BJC HealthCare, one of the largest nonprofit healthcare organizations in the United States and the largest employer in St. Louis. Based in St. Louis, BJC serves residents in Missouri and southern Illinois through its 13 hospitals and multiple health service organizations. Visit us at MissouriBaptist.org.

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