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## Press Release

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### Guam Proud: GMHA ER Nurses Honored as Champions of Emergency Care

TAMUNING, GUAM— October 15, 2025— Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) proudly celebrated its nurses during Emergency Nurses Week 2025 from October 5-11, recognizing their dedication to advancing emergency care and their outstanding representation of Guam on the national stage.

The 2025 theme for **Emergency Nurses Week**, “*Champions of Emergency Care*,” reflects the heart and resilience of GMHA’s ER nurses— professionals who provide expert care to patients and families every single day.

“During ER Nurses Week, we celebrate the vital role emergency nurses play in delivering fast, skilled care when it matters most,” said GMHA Associate Administrator of Nursing Services Christine Tuquero. “By investing in their training and professional development, we’re not only supporting our nurses—we’re improving outcomes for every patient who comes through our doors.”

GMHA invites the community to continue celebrating and thanking its ER nurses even after their week has concluded. Their skill, compassion, and leadership continue to make a difference in the lives of patients every day.

Just last month in September, a delegation of GMHA ER nurses traveled to New Orleans to participate in the **Emergency Nurses Association Annual Conference 2025**, one of the nation’s premier gatherings of emergency care professionals. Representing Guam as delegates were:

- **Adam Pangelinan, RN** (Scholarship recipient)
- **Solmaz Aktharpour, RN**
- **Sheryl De Guzman, RN, CEN**
- **Pauline Perez, RN, CEN**
- **Jeffrey Bonifacio, RN**
- **Kimberly Labanza, ER Administrative Assistant (as a guest)**

They were also joined by Marie Yabut, an Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) mentor who first visited Guam earlier this year to support GMHA’s trauma education

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initiatives. She is the ENA Faculty Member who jumpstarted our TNCC Program along with our very own, Pascale Bartlett.

“This trip wasn’t just about professional development, it was about pride,” said Pauline Perez, RN, CEN. “We stood among thousands of emergency nurses from across the country and represented Guam with heart.”

The delegation’s travel was personally funded, with fundraising efforts helping to cover conference registration fees. Their dedication reflects the spirit of collaboration and service that defines Guam’s healthcare community. Keep a lookout for the GMHA delegation feature in the next ENA *Journal of Emergency Nursing*.

Earlier this year in April, GMHA reached a major milestone by hosting its first in-house **Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) training**, certifying 11 ER nurses and four new instructors. Thanks to federal Technical Assistance Program (TAP) grant funding, GMHA can now provide this lifesaving training internally.

Building on that success, GMHA held its second TNCC training during Emergency Nurses Week on October 9–10. This cohort included eight newly certified TNCC nurses, with an additional 31 ER nurses scheduled to receive certification in the coming months that further strengthening trauma care capacity for the island.

Biba GMHA! Biba GMHA Emergency Department! Yan Biba to our Emergency Nurses!

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