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## GMHA Celebrates MedSurg Nurses, Medical Staff Professionals, Patient Couriers, Radiology Team, and Allied Health

**(Friday, November 7, 2025; Tamuning, Guam)** The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) celebrated several dedicated teams this week in recognition of national weeklong healthcare observances, including:

- **Medical-Surgical Nurses Week** (November 1–7)
- **Medical Staff Services Awareness Week** (November 1–7)
- **Radiologic Technology Week** (November 2–8)
- **Patient Transport Week** (November 2–8)
- **Allied Health Week** (November 2–8)

“We are incredibly proud of the dedicated professionals who make up Team GMHA,” said Dr. Joleen M. Aguon, GMHA Interim CEO and Administrator. “Their dedication not only strengthens our hospital operations but also drives continuous improvement in the care we provide. This week’s celebrations remind us how every role within our GMHA team contributes to our shared mission of healing and service to our island community.”

### Medical-Surgical Nurses Week

Medical-Surgical Nurses Week honors the nurses who provide quality care, comfort, and compassion to patients in the hospital. This year’s theme, *“Care, Lead, Inspire – Repeat,”* reflects the ongoing dedication and professionalism that define this specialty. GMHA’s med-surg nurses play a vital role in caring for patients admitted for illness, surgery, testing, or observation. They ensure that patients and families are informed, supported, and comfortable from admission through discharge.

### Medical Staff Services Awareness Week

Medical Staff Services Awareness Week recognizes the professionals who work behind the scenes to ensure safe, high-quality healthcare delivery. These medical staff professionals are essential to hospital operations, supporting credentialing, regulatory compliance, and quality and risk management.

Recently, GMHA’s Medical Staff Office, in collaboration with the Compliance and Education departments, successfully launched the GMHA Medical Staff Annual Training in October, achieving 58% compliance within four





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weeks. This online training, required for all providers, covers key topics such as cultural diversity, ethical conduct, and more.

### **Radiologic Technology Week**

Radiologic Technology Week celebrates the vital contributions of radiologic technologists. GMHA's Radiology and Interventional Radiology Department played an instrumental role in the hospital's designation as a Lung Cancer Screening Center and as a Computed Tomography Accredited Facility by the American College of Radiology. Last year, GMHA also introduced the HealthCare Allia IGS 7 Angiosuite, which enables faster, more precise diagnoses and treatments for critical conditions such as stroke, heart attack, internal bleeding, and certain cancers.

### **Patient Transport Week**

Patient Transport Week honors the dedicated individuals who ensure patients are safely and efficiently transported throughout the hospital and to other healthcare facilities. GMHA's patient couriers provide essential transport services and play a vital role during emergency "Code Blue" calls, offering immediate support when urgent medical care is required. This year, GMHA also enhanced its transport capabilities with the acquisition of a new patient transport vehicle, funded through additional local appropriations.

### **Allied Health Week**

Allied Health Week celebrates the many allied health professionals who are an essential part of GMHA's healthcare team. These professionals play a vital role in diagnosing, treating, and supporting patients across the continuum of care. GMHA employs a wide range of allied health specialists working in areas such as Rehabilitative Services, Radiology, Respiratory Care, Dietetic Services, Laboratory, and Pharmacy, among others. Together, they provide the expertise and support that enhance patient outcomes, improve recovery, and strengthen the hospital's ability to deliver comprehensive, quality care to the community.

"Un dangkulu na si yu'os ma'åse' for all your hard work, dedication, and contributions in keeping our hospital running," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "Each of you plays a vital role in delivering compassionate, high-quality care to our people. Your teamwork and professionalism embody the spirit of service that defines GMHA and ensures our hospital continues to stand strong for our island community. We wouldn't be here without you."

"This celebration highlights the strength and collaboration within our hospital workforce," added Lieutenant Governor Josh Tenorio. "Each team, whether providing direct patient care, managing vital services, or supporting operations behind the scenes, plays an essential role in ensuring GMHA delivers the care our community depends on. We're proud of the dedication and professionalism that define Team GMHA."

For more updates on GMHA celebrations and other initiatives, follow GMHA on Facebook and Instagram at @GMHA\_Guam.

