



Lynne Taggart
Director of Nursing

Nursing care comes in many forms. Many times it involves easing physical pain. Often it is an intuitive yet well honed knack to see beyond the obvious and address, in some way, the deeper needs of the human soul.

Lynn Taggart, RN - director of nursing (DON), has all the qualities of a great nurse and leader. In addition, she is a tenacious patient advocate and a champion for the profession.

Her career spans 40 years. One look into her resume and it becomes apparent that she's been tapped many times to lead. It's a bevy of titles ranging from CNA, LPN, medical technician, hospital flight nurse, open-heart nurse, and critical care nurse.

What's more, she has awards. Being Critical Care Nurse of the year and awarded top Director of Nursing for three consecutive years, she shows her progressive mark in the nursing field. Today, she holds an RN degree and an education that was paid by her initial work as a CNA and LPN.

Many would say that throughout her roles in leadership she has been grace under fire and the calm in the middle of crisis. All the while, she was learning a few lessons.

Number one is the patient. "To get caught in paperwork and endless management of data and medical records is secondary and not the focus of a great nurse," she says. The center of attention is patient need.

That's why it's important to her to establish a family-like atmosphere among staff and all those under her nurture. Those ideals have continuously made her the kind of nurse people want in charge of care.

One of her fundamental values is taking time to provide information to all those vested in patient well-being. She is very thorough in educating family members and keeping them aware of any updates or changes in their loved one's status.

Taggart says that each patient has different requirements. She fundamentally believes an organization's success depends on meeting those individual needs and exceeding individual expectations. It's no surprise that she emphasizes a "patient-first" attitude among her staff.

Admittedly, she says her efforts would not be possible without the support of her team and their dedication and focus on person-centered care. "My job is easier knowing that all nurses share the same drive to make each patient feel safe."

To Taggart, nurses are the heart of health care and the essence of caring. She reminds her staff: "They may forget your name, but they will never forget how you made them feel."