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## CCCTM® of Distinction Recipients <sup>[1]</sup>

The purpose of the CCCTM of Distinction Award is to nationally recognize a registered nurse who is Certified in Care Coordination and Transition Management CCCTM and exemplifies the mission, vision and core values of the Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNCB™).

This award acknowledges a registered nurse who is dedicated to promoting and communicating the value of certification by providing education and support to peers, a healthcare organization, patients and/or the community.

**Meet the proud recipients for each year of the CCCTM of Distinction Award!**

2019: Amber Lamoreaux, BSN, RN, MSN, OCN, CCCTM



[2]The 2019 CCCTM of Distinction is Amber Lamoreaux, BSN,

**RN, MSN, OCN, CCCTM, of Spring Hill, FL.**

Amber is a Care Coordinator at Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, FL.

She assisted in developing one of the first oncology-specific Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) in the country and successfully grew the program to include Oncology Medical Homes (OMH) in less than five years.

When she began to introduce the need for coordinated patient care at her facility, Amber was met with much resistance as well as a lack of information technology resources.

With determination, grit, perseverance, and examples of evidence-based practice and outcomes at similar facilities, Amber eventually received cooperation from her peers which lead to better communication.

She coordinated with IT to develop electronic forms and other automated processes and demonstrated the need for a patient discharge phone call program.

Amber advocates for certification through facility wide newsletters, announcements to nursing management, and coordinates certification celebrations.

Amber states, "Certification is extremely important to advancing a nurse's career along with improving the nursing department of the organization and making a positive impact on patient care".

*Congratulations, Amber!*

**2018: Helen Vigh, BSN, RN, CCCTM**



**The 2018 CCCTM of Distinction is Helen Vigh, BSN, RN,**

**CCCTM, of Garrettsville, Ohio.**

Helen is a Hospital Coordinator at Akron Children's Home Care Group in Akron, Ohio.

She has held several certifications throughout her 25+ years as a pediatric nurse and encourages, mentors, and role models for other nurses. In June 2016, she became the first nurse at her organization to become Certified in Care Coordination and Transition Management (CCCTM). Helen continuously educates others about the benefits of certification and has helped many nurses understand the value of CCCTM certification.

The majority of the nurses who attended a CCTM study day, conducted by Helen, later became certified. She makes sure that newly certified nurses are recognized, giving each nurse their own feeling of accomplishment and pride.

Helen participated in a small, high-performing AAACN taskforce of 13 nurses nationwide that developed an online interactive CCTM toolkit. The purpose of the toolkit is to provide resources to support and help others build optimal CCTM departments and goals.

Helen often reads CCTM resource material and browses CCTM websites and then brings the information she learns back to her organization through nursing councils, ambulatory nurses' meetings and peer collaboration. She shares this information to show how important CCTM is in order to obtain optimal outcomes for patients.

Helen states, "Certification gives you a sense of pride and joy in your nursing career and what you, in your role, help to accomplish. It lets others know that you value what you know and that you stay current and diverse in your understanding of all cultures."

*Congratulations, Helen!*

**2017: Luke Emerson, BSN, RN, CCCTM**



**The 2017 CCCTM of Distinction is Luke**

**Emerson, BSN, RN, CCCTM, of Coeur d'Alene, ID. Luke was the first CCCTM of Distinction recipient!**

Luke is a Clinical Navigator for Trauma Services at Kootenai Health in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He was nominated for this award by Dershi Bussey, BSN, RN.

Luke received his CCCTM credential in February 2016, and is the first recipient in his state.

He has been a guest speaker at North Idaho College, in Coeur d'Alene, ID, as an expert in care coordination and transition management (CCTM™). He also assisted in developing the care management portion of the associate degree nursing program at the college.

He believes that in addition to the medical treatment of an illness or injury, health care includes effectively managing the coordination of care and transitions.

Through his bi-annual presentation, "The Nurse as Manager of Care", Luke educates the nursing staff at his facility on how to involve the multidisciplinary team to improve care coordination, and how to ensure successful transitions from within the hospital to outside of the hospital. He also advocates for the need for CCTM in his role as an Emergency Room Nurse Officer for the U.S. Army Reserves.

Luke continually supports certification by overseeing activities throughout the year that acknowledge certified nurses as well as those who receive a new certification.

*Congratulations, Luke!*

- [Find out about the CCCTM of Distinction Award](#) [3]

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