



# MARTHA'S VINEYARD HOSPITAL

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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

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### Hospital & Windemere Employees Among Those to be Honored by Partners HealthCare

Martha's Vineyard Hospital (MVH) and Windemere Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will join Partners HealthCare to celebrate the 12th annual *Partners in Excellence* Award program at an awards ceremony to be held at Martha's Vineyard Hospital on February 1.

Established in 1996, the *Partners in Excellence* Awards recognize individuals and teams at all levels who have contributed to Partners' success.

Award recipients are nominated by their colleagues and are selected on the basis of "above and beyond the call of duty" contributions in the areas of quality treatment and service, leadership and innovation, teamwork, operational efficiency and outstanding community contributions.

This is the first year the Vineyard hospital and Windemere Nursing and Rehabilitation Center employees are eligible for nomination.

The award recipients at MVH are:

- Stroke Team – Mary Patrice Ruocco, team leader  
Jill Belcher • Dave Caron • Karen Dumont • Margaret Ekholm, Mary Gross  
Gage-David Hansen, Claudia Macedo • Lynn Mercer • Margaret Pattison  
Gayle Poggi, Donna Rhoades • Timothy Tsai • Elizabeth VanLandingham
- Denise Brouillette, Lead Housekeeper – Martha's Vineyard Hospital
- Sue Canha, L.P.N. – Windemere Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Their commitment to excellence, hard work and dedication allows Partners HealthCare to provide the highest levels of care and service to their patients.

The achievements of all the award recipients represents the high standards of excellence to be found at all levels of Partners.

Partners HealthCare is an integrated health system founded by Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. In addition to its two academic medical centers, the Partners system also includes community and specialty hospitals, community health centers, a physician network and home health and long-term care services. Partners is one of the nation's leading biomedical research organizations and a principal teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School.

The accomplishments to which employees contributed in 2007 were the following:

- Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital were ranked among the top 10 hospitals in the nation by U.S. News & World Report in its annual report of "America's Best Hospitals."

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by Partners HealthCare, continued*

- Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital were among only 41 hospitals in the U.S. to have been named Leapfrog Top Hospitals by The Leapfrog Group, a consortium of leading employers.
- Newton-Wellesley Hospital was named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Thomson Healthcare (formerly called Solucient) for the fourth year in a row, and North Shore Medical Center was cited by the same group for being one of 100 Top Hospitals making the greatest progress in improving hospital-wide performance over five consecutive years.
- McLean Hospital moved from fourth place to third in psychiatry on the U.S. News & World Report "Best Hospitals" list, continuing to be the highest ranking freestanding psychiatric hospital, while the MGH Department of Psychiatry retained its number one ranking in psychiatry for the twelfth consecutive year.
- Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital placed eighth in rehabilitation and was the only New England rehabilitation hospital to make the U.S. News "Best Hospitals" list.

In addition to Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital, the following institutions are also part of Partners HealthCare:

- Dana-Farber/Partners CancerCare
- Faulkner Hospital
- McLean Hospital
- Newton-Wellesley Hospital
- North Shore Medical Center
- Partners Community HealthCare, Inc. (PCHI) and
- Partners Continuing Care:
  - Boston Center for Rehabilitative and Subacute Care, North End Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Partners Home Care, Rehabilitation Hospital of the Cape and Islands, Shaughnessy-Kaplan Rehabilitation Hospital, and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Network
- Martha's Vineyard Hospital
- Nantucket Cottage Hospital