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ABPANC Announces its Advocacy Award Winner for 2016

The American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABPANC) has announced the winner of its annual Advocacy Award for promoting excellence in perianesthesia nursing. Nancy Carr Atkinson, RN, CAPA, is the 2016 winner and is being recognized for her valuable contributions in promoting and practicing quality patient care in perianesthesia nursing.

The ABPANC Advocacy Award identifies a CPAN® and/or CAPA® certified nurse who demonstrates personal compassion and commitment, combined with knowledge and experience gained through clinical problem solving. This person regularly goes above and beyond their normal job responsibilities and takes initiative as a patient advocate.

Nancy Carr Atkinson works at St. Elizabeth Healthcare in the outpatient surgery center in Edgewood, Kentucky. She was selected from many qualified nominations because of her consistent contribution above and beyond normal job responsibilities that directly impact the quality of patient care. Nancy received a beautiful Lladro Statue of a nurse, framed certificate, and a scholarship to cover her next recertification fee. ABPANC also awarded Nancy's unit with a check for \$350 to be used for certification fees, continuing education, books or study guides. Nancy Maushart, RN, CPAN, CAPA nominated Nancy for the award and received a \$100 cash award.

"The goal of the Advocacy Award is to honor a CPAN or CAPA certified nurse who exemplified leadership as a patient advocate," claims Linda Lakdawala, DNP, RN, CPAN and current ABPANC President. "Nancy is a shining example of one who demonstrates the highest possible commitment to patient care throughout the entire perianesthesia experience."



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The American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc., (ABPANC) was established in 1985 for the purpose of sponsoring certification programs for qualified registered nurses caring for patients who have experienced sedation, analgesia, and anesthesia. ABPANC sponsors the Certified Post Anesthesia Nurse (CPAN[®]) and the Certified Ambulatory Perianesthesia Nurse (CAPA[®]) certification programs. More than 12,000 perianesthesia nurses hold one or both of these credentials.

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