



American Board of
Perianesthesia Nursing
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**{Facility Name} Celebrates Certified Nurses Day March 19
By Honoring the {# certified} CPAN® and CAPA® Certified Nurses on its Staff**

{Facility Name} is celebrating Certified Nurses Day, March 19th by honoring its CPAN® and CAPA®-certified nurses. The following nurses are being recognized for their commitment to leadership, excellence, integrity and dedication to providing quality patient care:

{Nurse # 1} {Title} {Include date of initial certification, if possible}

{Nurse # 2} {Title} {Include date of initial certification, if possible}

(and so forth)

Board Certification of nurses plays an increasingly important role in the assurance of high standards of care for patients and their loved ones. Certified Nurses Day™ is a special day of recognition to celebrate the contribution of board certified nurses to the advancement of nursing professionalism and to higher standards and better outcomes in patient health.

Nursing, like health care in general, has become more complex. While a registered nurse (RN) license provides entry to general nursing practice, the knowledge-intensive requirements of modern practice require extensive education, as well as a strong personal commitment to excellence by the nurse. Perianesthesia nursing is a unique nursing specialty requiring its own certification to help protect the public.

“Perianesthesia nurses are committed to life-long learning and have access to cutting-edge information that helps them to provide the highest quality patient care,” Phoebe Conklin, BS, RN, CPAN®, ABPANC President, said. “CPAN® and CAPA® certificants go the ‘extra mile’ for their patients—they are among the best in the field, are passionate about nursing and promote competency and safety.”

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{Name of facility} encourages and supports national board certification for all its nurses. Patients are encouraged to inquire whether there are certified nurses on staff when they visit a hospital or their primary care provider. Many nursing certification bodies exist to serve the full range of specialized nursing care offered in the contemporary health care system; national nurse-certifying bodies should be accredited by either the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC) or the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE), or both.

Please join {facility name} and the nation's national nursing certification organizations in honoring those hardworking, dedicated nurses for their professionalism, and a job well done!

The American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc., (ABPANC) is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1985 by the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPAN) for the purpose of sponsoring certification programs for qualified registered nurses caring for patients who have experienced sedation, analgesia, and anesthesia. APBANC sponsors the Certified Post Anesthesia Nurse (CPAN®) and the Certified Ambulatory Perianesthesia Nurse (CAPA®) programs. ABPANC's programs and services are focused on achieving its mission and vision. Currently there are nearly 9,000 CPAN® and CAPA® certified nurses.

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