

## Jennifer Lipumano Receives Nursing Excellence Award for 2017



Jennifer A. Lipumano, BSN, RN, (I) is recipient of the 2017 Karin L. Shelin, RN Award of Nursing Excellence. Jennifer has 12 years of dedicated services to SHC - Chicago. A charge nurse in the OPD, she works with our neurologists, our hand surgeons, as well as with Dr. Purnendu Gupta, Chief of Staff, and other orthopaedic surgeons.

Jennifer's nursing skills are stellar. She is competent, caring, and an extremely hard worker. She brings great critical thinking skills to her collaborative work with the staff and physicians. Terry Wheat, Director of Patient Care Services says, "Jennifer jumps in to help others whenever needed." She is a great resource to the other staff, and she is wonderful with the patients and families. Well respected throughout the hospital, she is a true advocate for her patients and families. Jennifer is married and has a beautiful two-year-old son Raef. A "co-worker extraordinaire," according to Kathy Hickey, Director of Outpatient Service, she never forgets anyone's birthday or a special event. She always has a kind word for everyone. We congratulate Jennifer and are delighted she is part of our nursing family at SHC - Chicago!

The Karin L. Shelin, RN Award of Nursing Excellence honors Karin Shelin, a registered professional nurse for 41 years. She received her diploma from Christ Hospital School of Nursing in New Jersey and completed her BSN at Elmhurst College. She dedicated her career to working with children: 10 years in newborn/special care nursery and 31 years in pediatrics. Karin felt that the most fulfilling thing about being a nurse was to know that she made a difference in someone's life. Karin made a significant difference in the many lives she touched over her 41 years in nursing care, including children with Osteogenesis Imperfecta, with whom she had a special bond.

Karin worked at SHC - Chicago for many years, serving as the director of PICU/PACU, the infant/toddler unit, and the outpatient department. Karin was always supportive of new nurses and urged them to be proud as a nurse, supportive of each other, always advocate for your patients, and treat patients as you would want your loved ones treated. She exemplified outstanding integrity, commitment, and achievement in professional nursing--as does Jennifer Lipumano.



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Let me tell you. In 2016, SHC - Chicago Patient Referral Sources were these: physicians - 1,364; family member - 294; other health-care provider - 264; friend - 171; insurance carrier - 113; Shriner - 100; website - 70; other - 64; transfer from another SHC - 30; television - 15; other media - 12; school - 11; Temple screening clinic - 5.

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