

Upcoming Events

- March 1st:** MDR Rounds Start on SPU
- March 5th:** Blessing of SPU, Plastic Surgery, Angio holding, and TCU
- March 5th:** Dan & Friends
- March 6th:** Pressure Injury Prevalence Survey
- March 8th:** Good Morning in lobby
- March 11t-15th:** National Patient Safety Week
- March 19th:** National Certified Nurse's Day
- March 26th:** Prince Kuhio Day
- March 28th:** In Da Loop
- March 29th:** Good Friday



DAISY Award

Ariana is truly compassionate, not only for her patients but also for the new nurses whom she precepts. On our unit, we have brought many nurse residents over the past several years. Those who precept with Ariana become strong, smart, competent, compassionate nurses, and that has everything to do with how Ariana treats and teaches them.

She cares deeply for the success of the new nurses on our unit!

She goes above and beyond daily to ensure they receive the highest levels of education, patience, and empathy.

We can say that our unit performs highly due to this, and we appreciate Ariana every day. We hope she knows what a fantastic job she does.



Sunshine Award



Submitted by a patient

Maria is a warm-hearted and kind person. When my brother was dying, Maria took her time to be there for me.

She cheered me up and made me think of the positive. Maria stayed with me when he died and comforted me.

She reminded me that my brother was in a better place. She is just like a Mom to be. She's been there on my worst days.



Ho okipa Award

On more than one occasion, Kylie has helped our unit accomplish tasks that lead to positive patient outcomes and satisfaction.

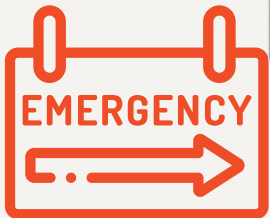
Kylie is a reliable source when it comes to protocols and resources. For example, Kylie is knowledgeable when preparing charts for patient procedures and even flight transfer packets.

I can always count on Kyle for help. Her kindness also extends to patients on the floor.

I believe Kylie deserves this recognition for her hard work and dedication at work. She also puts in extra work towards the unit organization, like laminating out names for our magnet board; everything looks so professional.



What are you Grateful for? Nursing Leaders Responses



- Starting March 6th, rooms 19 and 20 in the Emergency Department can perform emergency dialysis at the bedside.
- Emergency dialysis will be utilized for admitted patients in the ED waiting for inpatient beds.
- These patients tend to be acutely ill, need close nurse monitoring, and cannot use the multi-purpose dialysis room.



Pressure Injury Prevalance Study

On March 6th, the Wound Team, Wound Champions, and HCC nursing students are conducting a hospital-wide pressure injury prevalence study.

This helps our organization measure the effectiveness of interventions, improve patient outcomes on an ongoing basis, and begin trending analysis.





Pet Therapy



CONGRATULATIONS!

You have been recognized by:
Kaitlyn Ashida

"Thank you Elizabeth for coming to huddle 3 times this week to bring awareness on Work Place Violence and for always supporting the TCU Staff!"

Go Mālama

Fan Bucks are making a return. Thank you for your patience as we formatted a new design! Be on the lookout



I think it's important that we give recognition to the demonstration of the "First 5 minutes of a CODE BLUE," which led to optimal patient outcomes for the Progressive Care Unit team that participated in a CODE BLUE. I'm unsure who was directly involved, but I know the CC was Aloha, and the Primary RN was Jerick. I know our hospital has been conducting "The first 5-minute mock drills, and this is something we have been working on as there is a push for ACLS certification for all units. This was a good demonstration of positive change in action.

The patient was witnessed to have sustained VTACH on Telemetry. The primary nurse assessed the patient to be unresponsive and pulseless. CPR was initiated immediately. The patient was placed then placed on Zoll monitoring, and following ACLS protocols, one defibrillation was administered to the patient with immediate return of ROSC. All prior to the ICU/CB team arriving at the unit.

The Primary RN then relayed this information to the CB team, who resumed over medications and Zoll for stabilization and transfer to the ICU.

The PCU team demonstrated exemplary care of a patient in a CODE BLUE situation, with clear roles, clear closed-loop communication, and quick and decisive action, which I believe led to positive outcomes.

If you could forward my thanks and acknowledgment to Aloha to let her team know, that would be much appreciated.

- Josh, ICU RN



On March 6th, our new Angio holding, located on the first floor was blessed before their grand opening on March 7th



A Hui Ho



Myrna Andres, CNA in Surgical/Pediatric

Thank you, Myrna, for providing excellent patient care for the last thirty-plus years to our patients on the Surgical/Pediatric Unit.

You will be missed!

Lorena Santiago, CNA in Medical

Thank you, Lorena, for always making it your top priority to turn our patients and provide oral care.

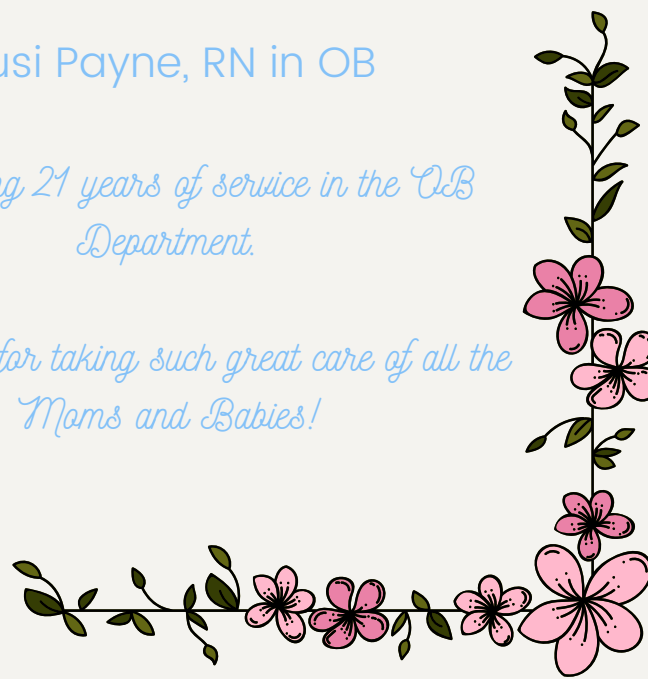
We will miss your amazing Halloween costumes!



Susi Payne, RN in OB

Celebrating 21 years of service in the OB Department.

Thank you for taking such great care of all the Moms and Babies!



The Respiratory Therapy Department is ready to find their gold on St. Patrick's Day



WELCOME VICTORIA

Hilo Medical Center's Sim Lab welcomes our new mommy, SIM, Victoria.

The OB staff can practice real-life events in a controlled environment.

Victoria can seize and simulate a postpartum hemorrhage, shoulder dystocia, and many other maternal complications.

The staff can check her cervix and the fundus as well as practice delivering the baby and placenta!



POSITIVE-
VIBES

Exceptional and
compassionate care!



I stayed at Hilo Medical Center from February 5-7, 2024. I was brought into Emergency by ambulance following a STEMI. I was very fortunate to have Dr. Andrew Murray DO and the Cardiac Cath Team waiting for me when I arrived.

I want to express my sincerest and deepest gratitude to Dr. Murray and the entire Cardiac Cath Team for the exceptional care I received and for saving my life.

I was transferred to ICU following my procedure. Curtis, RN got me settled in; making sure I had everything I needed and answered all my questions. John, RN took over on the next shift. He continued the same high level of care and comfort. Finally, Natalia, RN came on the following shift. She made me laugh and was my Patient Advocate, while always providing exceptional care. Amanda, RN, also came in to check on me and to make sure that I was feeling good about my care.

Having a heart attack, a cardiac catheterization and being in ICU can be very scary. These three RNs made me feel comfortable, and confident that I was receiving the best care possible.

Dr. Murray followed me during my stay in ICU. He showed me what happened to my heart and some of the concerns with the valves in my heart by using a heart model. I really appreciated the detailed explanation. He was never rushed and always allowed time to answer my questions. Dr. Sawyer also came in to give me some pertinent updates on my condition. I was so impressed by the way he conveyed the information in a relaxed and easy-to-understand manner.

Unfortunately, I had to stay an extra night and I was a little anxious when I was moved to PCU because I had become so comfortable with my care in ICU.

I was transferred to PCU at change of shift. Kirsten was the first RN to care for me. I soon realized I was in great hands. She was very attentive, friendly, and helpful. I was impressed with the PCU staff because everyone seemed to work so well together. They were very supportive and appreciative of each other. Star, RN was the last nurse to care for me and she was also exceptional. Star gave me my discharge instructions. I was anxious to get home but she sat down and made sure we didn't rush through any of the information that I needed to know. She then walked me downstairs and waited with me until my husband drove up with our car.

I am writing this letter because I am truly grateful to every person who cared for me during my stay at Hilo Medical Center. I wish to express my gratitude to all those I have mentioned but also to so many people for whom I don't have a name.

