



The MEHANDRU AWARD FOR NURSING EXCELLENCE

The Mehandru Award for Nursing Excellence was established in 2007 through the generosity of the Mehandru Family to recognize exceptional nurses for their valuable contribution to patient care. For 29 years, Dr. Sushil Mehandru has served on the medical staff at Jersey Shore University Medical Center and has built a reputation for his exceptional clinical and academic expertise. Over the years, Dr. Mehandru has forged a special bond with the nursing staff on almost every unit of the hospital. This prestigious award signifies his strong commitment to nursing and to the promotion of excellence in patient care.

The Mehandru Award for Nursing Excellence is presented annually during Nurses Week to a [Jersey Shore University Medical Center](#) licensed practical nurse or registered nurse who on a daily basis exhibits excellence in the delivery of patient care.

Award Criteria:

1. The nominee must be a licensed practical nurse or a registered nurse
2. The nominee must currently be employed by Jersey Shore University Medical Center
3. The nomination must document how the nominee exhibits a pattern of excellence in patient care either at the bedside, as an educator or as a manager
4. Nurses who apply must be nationally certified in their area of specialty and must participate in the CLINICAL ADVANCEMENT program, if eligible
5. An individual may nominate him/herself or may be nominated by a colleague, patient, manager or physician. A completed application form must be submitted.

AMOUNT OF AWARD: \$2,000

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION: March 13, 2026

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2026 Nomination Form

Nominee's Name _____ Peoplesoft ID # _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____
Email: _____ Position _____
Campus _____ Unit _____
Nurse Manager _____
National Certifications: _____
Clinical Advancement Status Level _____
Nominated by _____ Position _____
Unit _____ Campus _____
Email _____
Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Attach the following:

1. Narrative Statement not to exceed 2 pages addressing:
 - ❖ How the nominee exhibits a commitment to excellence in patient care
 - ❖ Provide a patient care exemplar that demonstrates this commitment
2. Any additional documentation to support the nomination (Optional and may include letters of support, thank you letters from patients, award nominations, etc.)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: March 13, 2026

Submit completed application and supporting documentation and return by:

Preferred Option: Scan completed application and supporting paperwork as one document (not as a link or shortcut) and then send scanned document by Email to: AnnMayCenter@HMHN.org

**Or Mail to: Hackensack Meridian Health
Ann May Center for Nursing and Allied Health
100 Tormee Drive, 2nd Floor
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712**

For more information email AnnMayCenter@HMHN.org

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