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**Paulsboro Woman Named Cooper Nurse of the Year**

*Fifteen Nurses Honored During 2014 Nursing Excellence Awards*

CAMDEN, N.J.— Paulsboro resident Jamie Sabetta, RN, BSN, was named Nurse of the Year tonight during the 2014 Nursing Excellence Awards hosted by The Cooper Foundation and Cooper University Health Care.

Sabetta has worked as a staff nurse on the Orthopaedics and Neurology Unit at Cooper University Hospital since 2011. She received the Cooper Women’s Board Nurse of the Year Award and The Barbara and Jack Tarditi Family Excellence in Nursing Mentorship Award.

“Jamie works collaboratively to provide the highest standard of care to our patients and families,” said Senior Vice President of Operations and Chief Nursing Officer Stephanie D. Conners. “She serves as role model and mentor to new nurses as well as seasoned professionals and takes pride in her profession. Nurses like Jamie are at the heart of patient care here at Cooper, and our success as an organization depends on them.”

The 2014 Nursing Excellence Awards honored 15 nurses for their outstanding contributions to excellence in patient care. Award winners were nominated by their colleagues for their commitment to upholding the Cooper mission “to serve, to heal, to educate.”

Conners announced the award winners during a brief program. More than 100 guests enjoyed a catered dinner and music by Fermata, an all female a cappella group from Cherry Hill High School West.

“These awards are made possible through the generosity of many Cooper supporters and friends who recognize the extraordinary care our nurses provide and the difference they make each and every day,” said Susan Bass Levin, President and CEO of The Cooper Foundation. “This event gives us an opportunity to thank the nurses we honored tonight and show our appreciation for the thousands of nurses, doctors and other medical staff that make Cooper University Health Care the top healthcare provider in the region.”

A complete list of the 2014 Nursing Excellence Awards winners follows.

- **Leonora Ball**, RN, MSN, APN, Cardiothoracic Surgery Advanced Practice Nurse  
The Cooper Heart Institute and The Heart House Award for Excellence in Cardiovascular Nursing – **Haddonfield, N.J.**



- **Ruth Cooper**, EMT-B, Emergency Technician, Emergency Department  
The Barbara and Jack Tarditi Award for Excellence in Patient Care (Non-Nurse) – **Philadelphia, Pa.**
- **Deborah Cutrona**, RN, MSN, CCRN, Post Anesthesia Care Unit Staff Nurse  
The Barbara and Jack Tarditi Family Excellence Award for Nursing Research – **West Chester, Pa.**
- **Joanne Fox**, RNC-NIC, BSN, Clinical Director, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit  
The Philip and Carole Norcross Award for Excellence in Nursing Leadership – **Sewell, N.J.**
- **Karen Kimbrough**, RN, BSN, CCRN, Post Anesthesia Care Unit Staff Nurse  
The Philip and Carole Norcross Award for Excellence in Perioperative Nursing – **Sicklerville, N.J.**
- **Matthew Lightcap**, RN, BSN, Pavilion 7 Orthopaedics/Neurology Staff Nurse  
The Carol G. Tracey Compassion Award – **West Deptford, N.J.**
- **Melissa MacDonald**, RN, BSN, Pavilion 6 Surgical Staff Nurse  
Cooper Nursing Alumni Clinical Nurse Excellence Award – **Glassboro, N.J.**
- **Lois Meyer**, RNC, BSN, Neonatal Intensive Care Staff Nurse  
John Henry Kronenberger Memorial Award for Excellence in Neonatal Nursing Practice – **Mt. Laurel, N.J.**
- **Helen Nichter**, RN, MSN, APN-C, Breast Surgery Advanced Practice Nurse  
Advanced Practice Nurse Excellence Award
- **Rosetta Oliver**, RN-BC, BSN, Associate Clinical Director, Pavilion 7  
Orthopaedics/Neurology  
The Selma and Martin Hirsch Family Foundation Clinical Excellence Staff Award – **West Berlin, N.J.**
- **Erika Orfe**, RN, BSN, Trauma/Surgical Intensive Care Staff Nurse  
Excellence in Trauma Nursing Award – **Philadelphia, Pa.**
- **Donna Reamer**, RN, Case Manager, Care Coordination Department  
Shaina Horton Memorial Award for Patient Centered Care – **Barrington, N.J.**
- **Jamie Sabetta**, RN, BSN, Pavilion 7, Orthopaedics/Neurology Staff Nurse  
The Barbara and Jack Tarditi Family Excellence in Nursing Mentorship Award  
Cooper Nurse of the Year Award – **Paulsboro, N.J.**



- **Mary Stauss**, RN, MSN, APN, CEN, Clinical Educator, Emergency Department and Clinical Decision Unit  
The Lynn Nelson Memorial Award of Excellence – **Sewell, N.J.**
- **Mary Thomas**, RN-BC, Medical/Surgical/Oncology Unit Nurse  
Sue Zamitis and Rose Smith Memorial Award for Excellence in Oncology Nursing – **Voorhees, N.J.**

#### About Cooper University Health Care

Cooper University Health Care is one of the largest health systems in Southern New Jersey with over 100 outpatient offices and its flagship, Cooper University Hospital located in Camden, NJ. It is the premier university hospital serving South Jersey and the Delaware Valley. Cooper University Hospital is the clinical teaching campus for Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, the only four-year allopathic medical school in South Jersey. Cooper is renowned for signature programs in cardiology, cancer, critical care, pediatrics, trauma, orthopaedics and neurosciences. Cooper is also home to the only state designated Children's Hospital in South Jersey—The Children's Regional Hospital at Cooper. Over the last decade, Cooper has transformed its Camden City neighborhood into the Cooper Health Sciences Campus. In October 2013, the new MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, a free standing cancer center for comprehensive care, opened on the Health Sciences Campus. Cooper also continues its regional expansion with the opening of new and expanded facilities throughout Camden, Burlington and Gloucester Counties.

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