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JPS is Only Hospital in the State to Win Award Two Years in a Row

Fort Worth – JPS Health Network is proud to announce that it has the only Intensive Care Unit in Texas to receive the Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence, two years in a row. The honor is given by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN). The award is specifically designated to recognize the nation’s top pediatric, progressive, and adult critical care units across a multitude of hospitals. The recognition represents extraordinary commitment to high-quality critical care standards, and dedication to exceptional care of patients and their families.

As a Beacon Award recipient, JPS Health Network succeeded in the following areas, as measured against evidence-based national criteria:

- Recruitment and retention
- Education, training and mentoring
- Research and evidence-based practice
- Patient outcomes
- Leadership and organizational ethics
- Healing environment

JPS Health Network Chief Nursing Officer, Nora Frasier MSN, RN, stated the award had special meaning due to the limited number of recipients. “Our ICU team has proven they are dedicated to quality patient care. We are proud to be the only team in the state to earn this honor for two consecutive years. We will continue our efforts to ensure our patients receive the best care possible,” Frasier said.

About JPS Health Network

JPS Health Network is Tarrant County’s tax-supported health care system, and has been serving the area for more than a century. Our mission is to improve the health status of the families and individuals in the communities we serve. JPS has more than 4,500 employees who work at more than 50 locations throughout Tarrant County which include John Peter Smith Hospital, community health centers, school-based health centers, a free standing cancer center and more. JPS was the first Level II Trauma Center in Fort Worth and has the largest hospital-based family medicine residency program in the nation. For more information visit www.jpshealthnet.org

About AACN

The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses is the largest specialty nursing organization in the world, representing the interests of more than 500,000 acute and critical care nurses. Its international headquarters are located in Aliso Viejo, California. Founded in 1969, the Association has more than 240 chapters worldwide and is working toward a healthcare system driven by the needs of patients and their families, where acute and critical care nurses make their optimal contribution. Additional information about AACN is available online at www.aacn.org or by calling (800) 899-2226.