

# The Vitals for Nursing



## Mission and Vision Statement Contest

### WINNERS ARE:

*The Nursing 3 R Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that submitted an entry for the mission and vision contest. All of the entries were GREAT...but there had to be a winner..*



**Pam Caudell**

#### Mission Statement



**Paula Lewis**

#### Vision Statement



To excel in high quality patient care and client centered education; to efficiently and effectively promote growth in our community through higher nursing skills and dedication to the client in a caring and sympathetic manner.

Granville Health System Nursing strives to be the leader in assisting the client through quality care and education, promoting maximum health of the community.

### If the following questions were asked of your patients, how would they answer?

- \*How often did nurses treat you with courtesy and respect?
- \*How often did nurses listen carefully to you?
- \*How often did nurses explain things in a way you could understand?
- \*After you pressed the call button, how often did you get help when you wanted it?



### Your Patients Expect and Deserve:

COMMUNICATION

EXPLANATION

RESPONSIVENESS TO CALLS

COURTESY



From their Nurse : **You**

## Infection Control News.....from Paula Lewis

### As hurricane season gets underway, APIC offers advice to help protect consumers and reduce the risk of infection.

**Nothing beats hand hygiene** – It's critical to remember to practice basic hand hygiene during the emergency period. Always wash your hands with soap and warm water. If your local health authority has indicated the water is unsafe, use soap and bottled water or water that has been boiled or disinfected. Wash hands before preparing food or eating, after toilet use, after participating in clean-up activities, and after handling articles contaminated with floodwater or sewage. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if you have a limited supply of clean water.

**Cleaning advice** – To remove mold or other contaminants, wear rubber gloves, open doors and windows, and clean with a solution of 1 cup of bleach per gallon of water. Do not mix bleach with ammonia or any other cleaner. Discard wooden cutting boards, cracked or chipped dishes, plastic utensils, baby bottle nipples and pacifiers that have been contaminated with floodwater. Thoroughly clean and sanitize all food preparation surfaces. Wash all metal pans, ceramic dishes and utensils with hot soapy, non-contaminated water, rinse in clean, hot water, and sanitize by immersing them for 15 minutes in a solution of 1 teaspoon of bleach per quart of warm (not hot) water. Let dishes air dry on a sanitized dish rack.

**Protecting the kids** – For infants, use only canned baby formula. Use a solution of 1 cup bleach in 5 gallons of water to disinfect toys that have come in contact with floodwater. Let toys air dry after cleaning. Some toys, such as stuffed animals and baby toys, cannot be disinfected; they should be discarded. Do not allow children to play in floodwater. Wash children's hands frequently.

**Water safety** – Water may not be safe to drink, clean with, or bathe in after a flood. Follow local instructions to use bottled water or disinfect water for cooking, cleaning or bathing. Boiling water is the preferred way to kill harmful organisms. Bring water to a rolling boil for one minute to kill bacteria. If you can't boil water, you can treat water with chlorine tablets, iodine tablets or add 1/8 teaspoon of newly purchased, unscented liquid household bleach per gallon of water. If using bleach, stir the water well, and let it stand for 30 minutes before you use it.

**Food safety: when in doubt, throw it out** – Throw away all perishable foods and any food that may have come in contact with floodwater including canned foods (store-bought and home-canned) and any opened or unopened jars with waxed cardboard seals such as mayonnaise and salad dressing. Throw out preserves sealed with paraffin. Discard all foods in cardboard boxes, paper, foil or cellophane. Toss all spices, seasonings, extracts, flour, sugar, grain, coffee and other staples in containers.

### APIC

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/>



For A Job Well Done

For all of their hard work, the Nursing 3 R Committee members were treated to a steak dinner at Ribeyes on Tuesday, August 22th. Attending were Nicole Sievert Wendy Keeton, Brenda Whitlock and Maria Calloway.

It's coming!!!!

October 1, 2008.

Granville Health System

will become a

**TOBACCO FREE**

Facility



On Thursday, September 25, 2008

The Nursing 3 R Committee's will be hosting an Appreciation Dinner for nurses whom have been in the profession for 25 years and longer, and new graduates, and new hires.

Invitations were mailed last week and we hope that all invited will be able to attend this dinner to show that we appreciate all the hard work and dedication that comes with being a super nurse.

