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To All CHOC Nurses:

The Medical Staff of Children's Hospital of Orange County wishes to extend our proudest and most sincere congratulations to CHOC's nursing staff upon the recently announced award of Magnet status. We are keenly aware Magnet accreditation is an esteemed honor and reflects what we as CHOC's physicians have known all along:

- CHOC's nurses are among the nation's finest;
- CHOC's nursing care at the bedside and their commitment to the highest standards and quality of care delivery brings our best medical care to fruition;
- CHOC nurses play a vital role as colleagues in medical staff committees and other interdisciplinary teams dedicated to improving patient safety and quality of care.

We take pride in your well-deserved accomplishment and are confident that Magnet status will help solidify CHOC's already strong reputation as a center of nursing excellence, aid in recruitment/retention, and deepen individual professional satisfaction as an integral part of a nationally recognized children's hospital. CHOC is an incredible place to be a physician and we thank you collectively for providing the nursing care that makes it so. This thank you is from my heart, and is a true reflection on how I feel about the care you provide to our children.

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