Nurses and Librarians on the Magnet Journey: Strengthening the Bonds

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When Greenwich Hospital embarked on its Magnet Journey in February 2014, the Medical Library staff viewed this as an opportunity to further their outreach and support of the nursing staff. The support included, but was not limited to: membership on various committees; participation in monthly nursing competency days; presenting at new nurses’ orientations’ collection development; EBP instructors; development of Magnet and Nursing Research libguides; support of nurses pursuing advanced degrees and/or certifications.

This involvement resulted in increased user statistics, as well as gratitude from the nurses and enhanced relationships with nursing staff and leadership. During the onsite survey in June 2016, the library staff participated in meetings with the Magnet surveyors. The Library services were highly praised during the exit interview.

Greenwich Hospital received Magnet Designation within six weeks of the onsite survey.