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EMERGENCY NURSES WEEK: Recognizing life-saving care

October 6, 2018: Emergency Nurses Week is October 7-13. The week celebrates the dedication and often thankless job these special nurses provide to patients on a daily basis.

The Emergency Department, also known as the ED, is a dynamic area of medicine where nurses must be ready at a moment's notice to provide emergency treatment for a wide range of medical conditions.

The UBMC Emergency Department sees an average of 10,000 visits a year. In addition to being staffed with four board certified emergency physicians, UBMC has an amazing nursing staff of 16 RNs and 7 support nurses (LPN, EMT, CNA).

UBMC's emergency nurses are Trauma (TNCC) and Stroke (NIHSS) certified. They are trained to act and think quickly and perform decisive interventions. They are experienced in working with patients and families in crisis. Every day, they are faced with raw emotions and physical ailments. Our nurses work together in critical care emergencies assisting physicians in helping patients with life-threatening trauma.

The ED can be an unpredictable, dramatic and challenging work environment that requires a team approach. Emergency nurses must have in-depth knowledge about a wide variety of topics to provide safe and timely care to patients and their families.

"Emergency nurses are leaders with impeccable skills to identify, prioritize, triage and manage any critical or emergent situation while also providing medical and emotional support. We understand no one plans to visit the Emergency Department; that your visit may be associated with the worst day of your life, but it is our job to provide effective, compassionate care to ensure the best patient experience possible," said Chona Dart, ED Nurse Manager at Uintah Basin Medical Center.

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Uintah Basin Healthcare is a community not-for-profit healthcare system, serving the Uintah Basin since 1944. Today, Uintah Basin Healthcare is the largest and most comprehensive independent rural-based healthcare system in the state of Utah.



Pictured (L to R) are some of the UBMC ED staff:
Dr. Amos Burgess, Tracy Winterton, Tyrel Killian, Jaycen Walker, Cindy Moore, & Chona Dart