

Thank You Nurses!

This year Nurses' Week was celebrated May 6 – 12. This is the time we recognized the integral role nurses play in helping to keep us healthy. We are grateful for all that nurses do and have done for us, particularly during the past year. The following is a tribute from four of UPA's Board Members to some special nurses.



Melissa S. Phillips, MD
University Surgeons Associates, PC

One of the most impactful nurses in my "surgical world" is Connie.

She is an amazing woman with a strong desire to make the world around her a better place. She has a great attention to detail and uses this every day to improve patient care. She is thoughtful and caring in her interactions. She always has the patient's best interest in mind. She is friendly and fun to work with while providing great patient care!



Amy Barger Stevens, MD
University Family Physicians

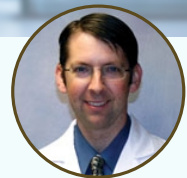
My mom, Darlene, is an "old school" nurse, going to nursing school at a time when nursing school paralleled medical school, with gross anatomy, histology, pharmacology, etc. I have always admired her extensive knowledge and competence. Working at the hospital as a nursing assistant, I regularly heard from many people who respect these same attributes. My mom is my hero, and she has been an incredible example of intense dedication to the provision of dedicated, empathic, comprehensive patient care!



Robert F. Elder, MD
UT Urogynecology

I want to send my appreciation out to all of the Nurses who have served in the area of Women and Infants at UTMCK.

These are some of the most dedicated and passionate nurses in health care. I am thankful for all of those who have worked with me over the years and the excellent care they provide.



James M. McLoughlin, MD
University Surgical Oncology

My favorite nurse (beside my wife) is Cathy. She and I have worked together in University Surgical Oncology since I arrived in January 2012. She has several special skills that she puts to good use every day. She regularly triages calls and requests from patients and providers, reports lab and pathology reports, and ensures our patients are presented at our multiple tumor conferences. She works hard to keep patients updated on their results, clinic schedules on time and surgical cases posted. She often wakes up early to schedule cases when OR blocks drop and stays late to ensure patients have important instructions for surgery or upcoming consultations. Cathy represents the broad skills and characteristics of our UTMCK nurses. She demonstrates self-sacrifice for the sake of patient needs, commitment to the community and institution, and, most importantly, kindly laughs at my jokes.

