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**ABPANC Recognizes Kundry Grove, RN, BSN, CAPA® with the 2011 Advocacy Award**

NEW YORK (May 18, 2011)—Drudging through blizzard conditions on foot to care for patients, orchestrating patient care long after the end of a shift and organizing educational opportunities for fellow nurses are just a few of the reasons the American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABPANC) recognized Kundry Grove, RN, BSN, CAPA® with the 2011 Advocacy Award.



*Grove receiving the 2011 ABPANC Advocacy Award from President Kathy Paskewitz.*

“The goal of this award is to honor a CPAN® and/or CAPA® certified nurse who exemplifies leadership as a patient advocate,” Kathy Paskewitz, RN, CPAN®, current ABPANC President, said. “Kundry was a stand-out nominee who goes above and beyond to demonstrate her compassion, commitment and knowledge to her patients every day.”

Grove currently works as a staff nurse in the Outpatient Surgery Department of Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, PA. Since becoming certified in 2009, she has organized weekly classes for colleagues to facilitate their own journey toward becoming certified. According to fellow staff members, she also spends countless hours, many of which occur on her days off, to organize educational events on the care of ambulatory patients.

“Without question, Grove’s thirst for continued knowledge and professional initiative were among the reasons we selected her for this award,” Pat Bouchard, RN CAPA®, Chair of the ABPANC Awards Committee and ABPANC board member, said. “What struck us even more in reviewing her nomination however was her continued effort to advocate for patients regardless of the time, day, or, as her nomination showed, weather.”

Molly Morgan, RN, BSN, CAPA®, a colleague at Holy Spirit Hospital, nominated Grove for the award and included personal stories of how she has made a difference to her patients and her team members. In a recent blizzard, for example, when roads shut down and cars remained covered in snow, Grove packed supplies on a sled and traveled to the hospital several miles away on foot, riding on the sled on the downhill roads to make up time.

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“Kundry finds a way to do the impossible,” Morgan said. “She is a hero in every sense of the word, especially in the eyes of her patients.”

In fact, the local TV station named Grove a “Hometown Hero” as well.

As a patient advocate, Grove is thorough in her assessment and dedicated in her conviction. She advocated for an elderly patient the day before Thanksgiving, when it appeared that the unit would close early and the physicians and staff prepared to celebrate the holiday with friends and family. Grove assessed the elderly patient and was immediately concerned. Vigilant, she contacted the surgeon three times before they finally arrived, agreed with her assessment and admitted the patient for a transfusion that evening.

“Grove is an outstanding example of excellence in nursing,” Bouchard said. “She is not only passionate and knowledgeable, but exceptionally humble and self-effacing. If asked, she would probably say that she is quite ordinary. For everyone whose path she crosses, she is actually quite extraordinary.”

ABPANC honored Grove during the 2011 CPAN®/CAPA® Celebration Luncheon, held during the recent conference of the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPAN) in Seattle, WA. Grove received a framed certificate, the Lladro Statue of the Nurse and a scholarship to cover her next recertification fee. Additionally, ABPANC awarded Grove’s unit with a check for \$350 to be used toward certification fees, continuing education fees, books or study guides.

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The American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc., (ABPANC) is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1985 for the purpose of sponsoring certification programs for qualified registered nurses caring for patients who have experienced sedation, analgesia, and anesthesia. APBANC sponsors the Certified Post Anesthesia Nurse (CPAN®) and the Certified Ambulatory Perianesthesia Nurse (CAPA®) programs. ABPANC's programs and services are focused on achieving its mission and vision. Currently there are nearly 10,000 CPAN® and CAPA® certified nurses.

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