What Are All Those Funny Initials?  
Or                
What Is Professional Certification?

The American Nurses Credentialing Center and professional nursing organizations certified by the American Board of Nursing Specialties offer certification to RNs in specialty nursing practice. Certification is a validation of a RNs skills, knowledge and abilities, and it is evidence of the RNs commitment to practice excellence. Certification denotes professional competency. Certified RNs have higher rates of patient satisfaction and lower work-related errors in patient care.

Certification requires a specific level of experience in clinical practice and continuing education. Certification candidates are required to take an exam to demonstrate their knowledge. When successful, a certified RN demonstrates certification with specific initials: RN-BC or CCRN or CEN or CGRN. Do you know what these initials stand for?

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Professional Nursing Practice-Leslie Holpit RN, MS

Quote of the Month

“Be the Change You Want to See”
We are looking forward to the 7th floor to the 7th, represented on the MSNPC. Currently, we do not have membership from 5A, 5B, 6A or 7L.

If you want to learn more about the MSNPC, give feedback, or if you are interested in becoming involved with our work, please contact us!

By: Rachel Garvin RN - 4D
The Magnet Journey

Regarding working at SFGH, Why did you come here? Why do you stay? What would you change?

At the Magnet Kickoff, one of the speakers asked everyone those three questions. We were asked to share them with the person next to them. How would you answer?

On December 17, we were fortunate to attend the first Magnet kickoff session on our journey to excellence. Staff from John Muir Medical Center, Magnet certification partners, joined us to impart the experience and excitement in the journey to have their nursing practice recognized with a National Certification. Listening to the stories they shared made me realize that although we have a long way to go, our practice is already excellent.

Each one of us has experienced a Magnet moment that needs to be shared with others. This is an opportunity for all of us recognize how much of an impact we make on a daily basis. This not only recognizes our excellence, it is an opportunity to empower ourselves and our patient safety.

So, for those interested in trying out the eMAR system, I invite you to float or think SC. I am willing to help you learn how to use it. Just keep an open mind, and I assure you that a smooth learning process will follow.