



## NURSES WEEK



**Allison Richter, BSN, RNC-MNN**  
*Obstetrics Department*

Allison has served new families at Cooper for 17 years. During her tenure, she has received the Charlotte Tobiason

Award for Obstetrical Nursing as well as many recognitions from her patients and colleagues. When Allie, as her peers know her, was diagnosed with cancer, she didn't stop. She continues to work through her treatment with an incredible positive energy. She has managed to turn her personal battle into a way to help others as she incorporates education on breast health into her practice. Allie continues to inspire those around her on a daily basis.

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**Catherine Hassinger, BSN, CGRN**  
*Division of Gastroenterology*

Catherine has been a Registered Nurse with Cooper since 2008. She helped

pioneer Cooper's nursing education committee by creating educational boards, and providing in-services and skills training. She is involved in the nurses' recognition council to promote the professional nursing ladder. She was featured in Nursing Spectrum for her work in nursing education. She advocates for Cooper nurses to become certified. She has truly impacted the growth of the Cooper team and provides so much support to nurses to learn and advance.

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**Chaddy Cantona, BSN, pursuing a Masters/APN in Psychiatry**  
*Emergency Department*

Chaddy is an invaluable member of the emergency department staff.

He is a wealth of knowledge and a resource for Cooper team members. He can switch gears on a moment's notice, never misses a beat and is always moving. Chaddy provides quality, patient-focused care which is evident in the feedback from the Press Ganey surveys where he is acknowledged for his kindness and individualized attention. Lastly, Chaddy's sense of humor can make the most challenging days better for the entire team with his quick wit!

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**Jaquelyne Booher, RN**  
*Progressive Care Unit*

Jacquelyne is a recent nursing graduate from Rowan College of South Jersey. She is grateful she to be a team member at

Cooper University Health Care on the progressive care unit (PCU). Jacquelyne participates in Cooper's nurse residency program which has been educational and helpful in advancing Jacqueline's skills as a new registered nurse (RN). Jacquelyne was also one of the first RNs to serve in a pilot of Cooper's new graduate nurse boot camp program.



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**Jamie Ritz, RN**  
*Trauma Department*

Jamie is a dual certified trauma surgical nurse with extensive knowledge and experience in caring for trauma and critical care

patients. In Cooper's unique trauma model, Jamie functions in multiple roles providing care with professionalism, compassion and expertise from the moment a patient enters the trauma bay. Jamie fosters collaborative interdisciplinary teamwork, creating collaborative learning environments to support all members of the care team. She is committed to providing mentorship and improving processes focusing on delivery of safe care and quality outcomes.

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**Mary Elizabeth Gaskill, BSN, MSN**  
*Family Medicine Nurse Practitioner, Ripa Center for Women's Health and Wellness*

Mary Elizabeth focuses on women's health and empowers

them to be well informed consumers and to advocate for their own health, including physical, emotional and mental health. In addition, she plays a leadership role in mentoring others and works collaboratively with physicians, nurses and other members of the health care team to ensure patients receive high quality, patient-centered care. Mary Elizabeth is an Advanced Practice Provider Peer Supporter.

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**Melena Tyler, BSN**  
*Post-Anesthesia Care Unit*

Melena is a Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) nurse caring for patients during the most

vulnerable point of the surgical/procedural experience. Melena cares for patient from various departments including the Cardiac Cath Lab and Interventional Radiology suites as they recover from surgeries and procedures. Melena has strong assessment, critical thinking and organizational skills and provides the highest quality of care to this specialized group of patients. Melena is an informal leader, who often assumes the role of the PACU Charge Nurse.

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**Michelle Caputi, BSN, RN**  
*Interventional Radiology*

Michelle has worked at Cooper University Health Care for over 20 years. During her time here, she

has worked in various units including the critical care unit, intensive care unit, and emergency department. Presently Michelle is the patient flow manager a member of the Interventional Radiology (IR) department at Cooper where she has worked for almost seven years. In March 2021, Michelle took a leap and transitioned into the role as a patient flow manager. Michelle notes that her role as a patient flow manager is versatile and changes with the needs of the departments.

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**Stephanie Craig, BSN, MSN, MSM**  
*Director of Operations*

Stephanie has 14 years of nursing experience in critical care, progressive care, and nursing

leadership. As the Director of Operations, she is instrumental in enhancing patient throughput, allocating staffing resources, and overall patient experience. She leads the nursing supervisors, supplemental staffing, centralized telemetry, as well as telesitters. Stephanie enjoys "big picture" operations as well as mentoring others to continue professional growth in the healthcare field.

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**Zofia Kapron, RN**  
*Inpatient Oncology*

Zofia is an oncology nursing on Cooper's inpatient Pavilion 5. Zofia is continuously recognized by her patients for her

compassion. She is professional and collaborates with the multidisciplinary team in order to provide the safest, patient-centered care possible. Zofia is a valued preceptor to new nurses on the unit, using patience and understanding to the needs of a new graduate nurse. It takes a special nurse to be able to teach specialized care as well as the compassion necessary to work with oncology patients.

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