

3. WOCNCB Essay:

In October of 1982 with the support of Dr. Michael Slade, Colorectal surgeon at our hospital, the first RN was sent to school at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City to complete training as a WOC nurse. Dr. Slade's vision of both inpatient and outpatient services was embraced by the Hospital and nursing administration of the hospital. The complete funding of the school was provided, as well as full salary during this school period. I sat for my initial board certification (CWOCN) in June, 1983 and have maintained this same credential via recertification every five years.

Subsequently over the years since 1982 up to and including 2007, the nominee has provided full educational grants to an additional five RNs. They also provided full salary during the schooling as well as covering all expenses for certification and recertification.

We practice the full WOC scope in our facility. We see both inpatient and outpatient clients. On average we see in excess of 10,000 inpatient visits a year and 1,000 outpatient visits a year.

We enjoy complete hospital administration and nursing administration support and encouragement. This is seen in our ability to obtain the latest state of the art products and equipment. We have enjoyed a consistently low incidence of pressure ulcers, well below the national norm. We also maintain a most cordial relationship with our Board of Trustee members and have had the opportunity and privilege of presenting our pressure ulcer incidence data to them on several occasions. They were most complimentary of our results as well as the fact that we have a department of nationally board certified specialty nurses.

Thank you for the opportunity of nominating our hospital. We all are very proud to work here and hope you will consider them for this honor.