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Physician of the Year

Dear members of the Bellevue Hospital Center staff,

I am pleased to announce that **Laura Evans, MD**, Director of Critical Care, has been selected as Bellevue's "**Physician of the Year**," to be recognized at the annual HHC Doctors Day Celebration on May 1. Laura was chosen from a select group of seven nominees submitted by clinical department leaders. The final selection committee was comprised of officers of the medical board and members of the cabinet. Laura is an easy choice because of her highly visible and effective commitment to the care of Bellevue patients.



Laura Evans, MD

Laura joined Bellevue Hospital in 2006 from Columbia University after completing medical school at the University of Michigan, Internal Medicine residency at Columbia University, and Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellowship at the University of Washington. Nationally, she has served on the Guidelines Oversight Committee of the American College of Chest Physicians and is currently the chair of the Internal Medicine Section of the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

At Bellevue, Laura began as the Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit in 2006 and became the Medical Director of Critical Care in 2009. During this time, she has had active leadership roles on several hospital-wide and HHC committees, focusing on education, patient safety and quality improvement in the intensive care unit. She has also been actively involved in many projects, including improving handoff processes and reducing hospital acquired infections.

But easily her most notable accomplishment at Bellevue is her leadership in the Bellevue Sepsis Initiative, a program in which patients with sepsis are screened, evaluated by a multidisciplinary team, and promptly treated with lifesaving sepsis interventions. Together with colleagues in Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy, Laura's leadership on the sepsis team has already shown staggering clinical results, with a 25% decrease in sepsis mortality since the program's development in 2012. The remarkable achievements of the entire Bellevue Sepsis Team earned the distinguished HHC President's Choice Award in 2013.

Please join me in congratulating Laura for this well-deserved honor.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nate Link".

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