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**St. Mary's ICU Nurse Earns
Certified Neuroscience Registered Nurse (CNRN®) Credential**

Lauren Finn, St. Mary's nurse passes the rigorous CNRN program

West Palm Beach, FL- June 2010-- Lauren Finn, an ICU Nurse at St. Mary's Medical Center is the first to take advantage of the hospital reimbursement program for CNRN certification. The rigorous Certified Neuroscience Registered Nurse program earns formal CNRN® credential. Finn joins only about 3,000 other nurses in the country with this high honor that recognizes the attainment and demonstration of a unique body of knowledge necessary for the practice of neuroscience nursing.

On June 04, 2010, St. Mary's Medical Center presented Finn with an award for her accomplishment. St. Mary's expressed its honor to have Finn as a nurse at its hospital and appreciation for her high achievement that reflects her specialized experience and knowledge in the care of patients needing advanced neurology care. This credential will assist Finn and the hospital in caring for a very special patient population.

St. Mary's Chief Nursing Officer, Joey Bulfin stated: "We honor and congratulate Ms. Finn for her superior achievement. She represents one of the many gifted nurses at St. Mary's who go above and beyond to advance their knowledge of nursing to deliver some of the best care to our patients. We are confident that her achievement will encourage other nurses to strive for the distinguished CNRN credential." This type of certification is evidence of the commitment St. Mary's nurses have to life long learning and the value of evidence based practice. This is one of the ways St. Mary's supports quality caring nursing practice as we move forward with our quest for Magnet Status.

Since 1978, the CNRN credential has promoted excellence in this specialized field. The CNRN examination is accredited by the American Board of Nursing Specialties, which is the only nationally recognized accrediting body for specialty nursing certification programs. The examination is based on periodic role delineation studies that identify the knowledge and experiences required of a practicing neuroscience nurse.

About St. Mary's Medical Center

St. Mary's Medical Center is a 463-bed acute care hospital located at 901 45th Street in West Palm Beach. The hospital has been serving the medical and health care needs of the greater West Palm Beach area for more than 70 years. St. Mary's Medical Center offers a broad array of services, including medical, surgical, obstetrics, pediatrics, orthopedics, trauma and emergency services. St. Mary's specialty services include a pediatric trauma center, 24-hour children's emergency department, pediatric intensive care unit, comprehensive stroke center, high-risk obstetrical unit, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Children's Hospital at St. Mary's, the Rehabilitation Institute, and the Memory Disorders Center. St. Mary's Medical Center is fully accredited by the Joint Commission, the nation's oldest and largest hospital accreditation agency.

To learn more about St. Mary's Medical Center, visit www.stmarysmc.com or call 561-844-6300