



## Student AMBASSADOR Program

The UPMC Student Ambassador Program is another way for our nursing students to connect with our staff nurses during their clinical rotation here at UPMC Altoona.

Our ambassadors welcome students onto their unit and make them feel at home. Ambassadors help our students learn more about the unit by putting together welcome bags, unit packets, or bulletin board displays.

These UPMC Altoona student ambassadors shared their reasons for joining the program:

*“I remember being a nursing student and it meant so much when someone wanted to help. I want to be that person.”*

— Samantha Yarnick  
UPMC Altoona clinician, 7E

*“I chose to become a student ambassador because I feel it is important to nurture our new nurses and help them learn from our experience. I love to tell stories, share past experiences, and take advantage of teachable moments. It truly makes my heart happy to hear a student say they learned something new and see the pride they feel from acquiring new skills.”*

— Jennifer Melbinger, RN  
UPMC Altoona, T-14 Oncology

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Information for student nurses working at UPMC



### Lip balm warning

A warning has been issued to avoid using MediChoice lip balm with petrolatum on patients receiving oxygen therapy. The warning concerns products with SKUs LBS100 and LBS100C. The substitute product is Medline Remed clinical lip balm. Talk to your clinical supervisor for more details.

## Hospital presents second DAISY award

UPMC Altoona is proud to present its second DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Students to **Mary Randolph**, a student at Mount Aloysius.

Mary's nomination story read: “While on clinical rotation on T12, a confused patient became distraught and irritated that they were in the hospital. This patient felt as if they were being held hostage and against their will. Mary walked into the room to provide assistance when the bed alarm went off.

“Mary was kind, compassionate, and empathetic with the patient. She allowed the patient to voice her concern, reoriented her, and reassured her she was safe. The patient went from being upset and jumping out of bed multiple times to agreeing to sit in the chair (with a chair alarm) and enjoy her dinner.

“I cannot say if the patient remained calm moving forward but for the thirty minutes we were on the unit after that she did. Oftentimes patients get confused when in the hospital regardless of their baseline mentation and sometimes all they are searching for is someone to reassure them that they are safe, and that is exactly what Mary did.”



Mary Randolph, with her preceptor and May 2023 DAISY award winner, Sara Clark, RN.

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