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Central Valley Region Nurse Educator receives certification as a Safe Patient Handling Professional

Barbara Landes, RN, MSN, CEAS, Nurse Educator for the Central Valley Region, is the **first** Sutter Health professional to become nationally certified as a Certified Safe Patient Handling Professional (CSPHP) — a rigorous and prestigious designation from the Association of Safe Patient Handling Professionals (ASPHP). As a CSPHP, Barbara helps Sutter fulfill a crucial piece of AB1136, which requires us to have a bona fide trainer leading our programs and keeping us and our patients safe.

Barbara is an asset to the safety of our patients and our staff.

Congratulations, Barbara, on your achievement and for your contributions to staff and patient safety throughout Sutter.



More background:

- Barbara dedicates her time to reviewing potential incidents, investigating best-practices, and educating about safe patient handling, which in turn leads to safe staff practices.
- Along with her drive to keep everyone from harm, she has an in-depth knowledge of critical legislation, such the recently passed AB1136: California's Safe Patient Handling law. Her knowledge, drive and expertise in the area led her to be a candidate for CSPHP designation.
- Barbara is involved in the SmartMover program, Patient Handling Taskforce, Regulatory Oversight Committee at Memorial Medical Center (MMC) and with the Employee Training and Safety committees at MMC and Sutter Tracy Community Hospital (STCH).
- She also contributes to the Sutter Pressure Ulcer Prevention/ Safe Patient Mobilization workgroup and is a voting member on the Sutter Value Management Team for Portable Patient Lifts and Transfer Aide Devices.