

David Reese Honored for Exemplary Care in Alexandria, VA PACU

Charge Nurse's Compassionate Response Saves Heart Attack Patient; Recognized for Leadership, Mentorship, and Nursing Excellence



New York City, New York Jul 1, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Inova Mount Vernon Hospital proudly recognizes David Reese, RN4, PACU, for his outstanding contributions to patient care and nursing leadership. With years of dedicated service in the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU), David has consistently demonstrated clinical expertise, compassionate communication, and a deep commitment to mentoring the next generation of nurses.

As a charge nurse and Chair of the PACU Reward and Recognition Committee, David plays a central role in fostering excellence among his peers. He also serves as a Magnet representative and preceptor, actively guiding both new nurses and students with patience and professionalism. David is known for his ability to keep calm under pressure while maintaining a strong focus on patient needs.

One defining moment in David's career occurred when he identified life-threatening cardiac symptoms in a post-operative patient. Noticing subtle EKG changes that signaled a heart attack, David quickly coordinated with anesthesia and PACU colleagues to stabilize the patient and facilitate her transfer to the Cardiac Care Unit. During the crisis, he kept the patient calm using clear, reassuring communication, while also supporting the patient's anxious family members with empathy and care.

David has a remarkable ability to connect with patients, particularly those who are anxious or struggling emotionally. He frequently receives personal thank-you notes from patients and families who deeply appreciate the comfort and kindness he brings to every interaction. He approaches each case holistically, addressing not only physical health but also emotional and spiritual concerns, helping patients feel seen, heard, and safe.

Beyond the bedside, David's leadership within the PACU fosters a positive and supportive environment for staff. His dedication to recognizing team achievements and encouraging growth has made a lasting impact on the culture of care at Inova Mount Vernon. In recognition of his clinical excellence, compassionate approach, and inspiring mentorship, David has been nominated for the prestigious DAISY Award, an honor reserved for nurses who go above and beyond in their service to others.

Learn More about David A. Reese:

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