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## Judy Kidd Named Hoag's 2018 Nurse of the Year

**NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., April 5, 2018 ---** <u>Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian</u> announced today that Judy Kidd, BSN, RN, a perioperative services nurse, is the hospital's 2018 Nurse of the Year.

Selected as Nurse of the Year for her professional and clinical excellence as a teacher to her fellow nurses and patient advocate, Judy is dedicated to the endless task of providing current education on the variety of complex tasks, equipment, and resources needed to provide state-of-the art care in the operating room.

"Judy has educated hundreds of nurses who have gone on to become successful team members in a very demanding field," said Carole Metcalf, executive director of perioperative services at Hoag. "Her tireless love for education and compassion for patients have been the driving forces that led Judy to success in her career."

Working for the last decade at Hoag, with a total of 50 years of experience in an operating room, Judy is respected for her commitment to all aspects of nursing education and excellence. She turned her expertise in the field into educational opportunities for nurses who have a passion for the operating room. Additionally, Judy helps coordinate the Perioperative Nursing Conference each year that is attended by nurses not only from Hoag, but from the community as well.

"We are honored to recognize Judy Kidd as our Nurse of the Year," said Rick Martin, Ed.D., MSN, RN, senior vice president, clinical operations and chief nursing officer of Hoag. "Judy reflects the caring, hardworking and supportive qualities we see on a daily basis from our incredible team of RNs at Hoag."

With generous support from Julia and George Argyros, who have established the Julia Argyros



Center for Nursing Excellence at Hoag, Hoag nurses are earning scholarships in record numbers. Donor investment in nursing education helps Hoag fulfill its commitment to develop, attract and retain the best and brightest nurses seeking the highest level of education.

## ABOUT HOAG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PRESBYTERIAN

Hoag is an approximately \$1 billion nonprofit, regional health care delivery network in Orange County, California, that treats more than 30,000 inpatients and 425,000 outpatients annually. Hoag consists of two acute-care hospitals - Hoag Hospital Newport Beach, which opened in 1952, and Hoag Hospital Irvine, which opened in 2010 - in addition to seven health centers and ten urgent care centers. Hoag is a designated Magnet® hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Hoag offers a comprehensive blend of health care services that includes five institutes providing specialized services in the following areas: cancer, heart and vascular, neurosciences, women's health, and orthopedics through Hoag's affiliate, Hoag Orthopedic Institute, which consists of an orthopedic hospital and two ambulatory surgical centers. In 2013, Hoag entered into an alliance with St. Joseph Health to further expand health care services in the Orange County community, known as St. Joseph Hoag Health. Hoag has been named one of the Best Regional Hospitals in the 2017 - 2018 U.S. News & World Report, and Becker's Hospital Review named Hoag as one of the 2016 "100 Great Hospitals in America" – a designation Hoag has received four times. For an unprecedented 22 years, residents of Orange County have chosen Hoag as one of the county's best hospitals in a local newspaper survey. Visit <a href="https://www.hoag.org">www.hoag.org</a> for more information.