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Nurse receives award for excellence

Uniontown Hospital is proud to announce that Cindy Menarcheck, RN, who is the charge nurse in the hospital's cardiology department, has received a Cameos of Caring Award from the University of Pittsburgh, School of Nursing for excellence in her field.

Menarcheck began her career in 1982 at Uniontown Hospital and has journeyed through many departments in the more than three decades since, working in general nursing pool, the Intensive Care Unit, the Digestive Health Center and finally to Cardiac Diagnostics in 2003, where she now works as the Charge Nurse.

Menarcheck said she was honored by the award and said that nursing has been one of her life's great passions; caring for her patients and always ready to be an advocate for them. That care and love for her patients has not gone unnoticed by her colleagues either, who recognize her gift for giving of herself to those in need.

"She is what we want all of our nurses to be: caring, compassionate and committed," Executive Director of Critical Care Services and Patient Flow, Sandy Thorpe, said. "I am so thankful to have Cindy as a part of our team. She is an inspiration to every life she touches and truly makes a difference." Menarcheck is an active member of the hospital community, serving on the Infection Control Committee, working with a team to annually review Department Policies and Procedures, co-chairing her department's

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involvement in the American Heart Association Heart Walk and co-chairing the Vascular Access Device Council.

She said that nurses get to act as the conduit for patients to find comfort in their care.

“Although medicine is a science, we have all witnessed, and been affected by miracles,” Cindy said. “And certainly, personal experiences have affected our development as nurses. We provide that intimate touch that gives license for patients to turn over their wellbeing to us.”

Menarcheck will be honored along with other recipients of the award from across the region at the 16th annual Cameos of Caring Awards Gala on Wednesday at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.
