



2020 Nursing Leadership Award Honorees

Aspiring Nurse Leader



Kristen Connors, MSN, RN
Nurse Manager, Emergency Department
CentraState Medical Center

Divisional Leader



Nancy Barrett-Fajardo, BSN, MS, RN, NE-BC, OCN
Director of Medical Surgical Services
The Valley Hospital

Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing Leadership



Nicole Keegan, DNP, RN, APN-C
Director of Pain Management Services
Monmouth Medical Center, RWJBarnabas Health

Nurse Leader



Michele Zucconi, MSN, RN, CCRN
Administrative Director
Inspira Health

Nurse Executive



Theresa M. Brodrick, PhD, RN, NE-BC
Executive Vice President &
Network Chief Nurse Executive
Hackensack Meridian Health

Professional Recognition



Kathy Taylor, DNP, RN, CCRN, CAPA
Director of Nursing Organizational Effectiveness
Hackensack Meridian Health –
Raritan Bay Medical Center

Distinguished Service



Judith Caruso, DNP, MBA, RN, FACHE
President & CEO
Caruso Consulting

Impact Award



Judith M. Persichilli, BSN, MA, RN
Commissioner of Health
State of New Jersey - Department of Health