Helen Henry Excellence of Care Award

PURPOSE
Established by Bonnie Wesorick, RN, MSN, in honor of her mother, the Helen Henry Excellence of Care Award recognizes nurses and their interprofessional partners working at the bedside.

ELIGIBILITY
Any team composed of a registered nurse with a baccalaureate degree or higher and an interprofessional partner working at the bedside on an ongoing basis is eligible. Current Sigma International Board of Directors, Sigma staff, Sigma consultants and contracted staff, and members of the judging committee are not eligible.

CRITERIA
Nomination should show evidence of meeting a majority of the following criteria:
1. Demonstrates compassionate, hands-on-care
2. Utilizes evidence-based care at the bedside
3. Demonstrates mutuality with patients and families
4. Promotes individualized plans of care
5. Demonstrates courage and critical thinking
6. Exhibits exemplary partnerships with peers and people in their clinical care setting
7. Acts as an inspiration to peers, patients, and families
8. Promotes the importance of integrated competency across all disciplines to individualize care
9. Continues to learn and grow

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Supporting documents required below should address a majority of the above criteria. Entries that do not meet the criteria and requirements below will be disqualified. A complete online nomination consists of:
- Online entry form and payment
- Supporting narrative, including examples of the clinical care provided by the team (1-2 pages)
- Two letters of support from diverse sources supporting the criteria (interprofessional colleague, supervisor, coworker, etc.)
- Nominee’s curriculum vitae
- Letter of Acceptance – Statement from one team member agreeing to attend Sigma’s Biennial Convention if selected