

Nomination for Mary Ellen Gannon, CWOCN Carroll Hospital Center
Submitted by Phyllis Green

Mary Ellen Gannon is a very dedicated, yet humble nurse who puts her patients first. She is very thorough in the care she provides and follows up with home health agencies or other facilities when patients are discharged from her care to provide continuity. This is much appreciated by those who are following the patient after hospital discharge. Her patients are well prepared upon discharge to take care of their needs and always speak highly of her.

Mary Ellen regularly attends affiliate meetings and is always eager to learn new information and share what she knows. She is a nurse's nurse and a good mentor. She loved teaching at University of Maryland and continues to be well respected by her peers. She is very active in her community and her church. This person is the nurse you want to take care of you or your family.

Though Mary Ellen could have retired several years ago, she continued working and training new WOCN's to gradually take her place. She jokes that after 50 years of nursing, her feet are tired. Rightly so. She not only is supportive in nursing matters, but also offers kindness and support to help her peers through tough times which is much appreciated.

This nurse's dedication to nursing, in general, and WOC practice, in particular, make her an excellent candidate for the WOC Nurse of the Year Award.