

## Donna Dooley-Aiello, RN, Receives Top Nursing Honor

Donna Dooley-Aiello, RN, a clinical nurse in the Advanced Health Sciences Pavilion operating room, is this year's winner of the Maggie Stempson-Carter Excellence in Caring Award.

The annual award recognizes a Cedars-Sinai nurse who represents clinical excellence, quality care and professionalism. Dooley-Aiello received the honor during the 36th Annual Nursing Award Ceremony, which was held last month in Harvey Morse Auditorium.



*Donna Dooley-Aiello, RN*

"Winning this award was a wonderful surprise and an honor, especially since my nomination came from physicians I have enjoyed working with over the years," she said. "I work with amazing anesthesiologists, OR staff and surgeons, and together we take great care of our patients."

Dooley-Aiello, whose career spans more than 30 years, believes the keys to exceptional nursing are thinking critically, observing keenly and practicing skillfully—while embracing compassion and respect.

"Be a participator, engage in learning new things and don't ever be afraid to ask a question," she advised new nursing graduates. "Start and end your day with a smile."

Dooley-Aiello's win was based on nominations by Cedars-Sinai physicians and a final decision by a seven-member selection panel.

"In my 40 years as a surgeon at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, I have worked with several nurses who exemplify the best of the nursing profession. Certainly, Ms. Dooley-Aiello is one of those nurses," said Leo A. Gordon, MD, in support of the nomination. "Her commitment to the profession, her dedication to a valuable work ethic and her ability to relate to all members of the healthcare team make her an example of all that is good about nursing and our hospital."

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