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DIRECTOR AT THE EVERETT CLINIC NAMED PERIOPERATIVE NURSE MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Everett, WA—Helen Pumphrey, Director of Kemp and Trask Surgery Centers, has been recognized by the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses' (AORN) for Outstanding Achievement in Perioperative Nursing Management and named Perioperative Nurse Manager of the Year.

"Helen is the leader one dreams of working for at some time in their career," says Betty J. Hoogerwerf, OR nurse at The Everett Clinic. "Her continual commitment to AORN's Standards of Practice and to patient safety, her belief in her staff with constant encouragement to strive for more, and her never-ending mentorship all contribute to Helen deserving this award."

Perioperative nurses are defined as "those who provide, manage, teach, and study the care of patients undergoing operative or other invasive procedures."

Pumphrey joined The Everett Clinic in 1993 and accepted the role of director of the clinic's ambulatory surgery business in 1997. She led the start-up of two ambulatory surgery centers, totaling eight operating rooms and four GI rooms, which cared for more than 14,000 patients annually.

In her capacity as director for The Everett Clinic, Pumphrey directs and motivates pre-operative care, operating room, recovery unit and GI services, including the GI laboratory staff.

Pumphrey has been a staff nurse at the Everett Surgical Center, and a nurse manager of the OR at Providence Everett Medical Center, when it was known as General Hospital Medical Center.

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“She is the model OR manager, combining excellent skills with patients with a leadership style that emphasizes teamwork, having fun, and above all doing your absolute best,” says Mark Mantei, COO for The Everett Clinic.

Pumphrey will accept her award at AORN’s national convention, which will be held in March 2004 in San Diego.

The Everett Clinic, founded in 1924, is a locally owned and operated physician group practice serving more than 275,000 patients in greater Snohomish County. The Clinic’s team of more than 200 physicians provide thirty diverse specialty care services in addition to primary care services. The Everett Clinic is considered one of the most successful health care providers in Washington State and is often recognized nationally for its innovative approach to patient care and medicine, which has included articles in *The New York Times* and *US News & World Report*. The Everett Clinic can be found at www.everettclinic.com.

AORN is the professional organization of perioperative registered nurses that supports registered nurses in achieving optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures. The organization is composed of 340 chapters and approximately 40,000 perioperative registered nurses in the U.S. and abroad.

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