# Successfully Partnering with Patients and Families to Improve Care

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### University of Washington Medical Center

- 810-bed academic medical center in Seattle, Washington
- Montlake Campus
- Northwest Campus
- Associated outpatient clinics



# Getting Started



- In 2002, invited the Institute for Patient and Family Centered Care to assess readiness
- With the Institute's help, created a steering committee and three advisory councils

# Getting Started continued

Identified areas of the hospital that were ready for advisory councils

- Criteria:
  - Satisfaction scores indicated need for improvement
  - Willing to work with patients and families
- Recruitment:
  - Brochures, posters, flyers
  - Most important of all, referrals from staff



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Volunteers working together to make a difference

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## Advisors Serve in a Variety of Ways

- One-time consultations
  - Feedback groups
  - Forms review
- Membership on operations and clinical committees
- Advisory councils
- e-Advisors



## Membership on UWMC Committees

### **Operations and Clinical Committees**

- Patient and Family Centered Care Steering
- Patient and Family Education
- Patient Safety
- Welcoming Environment / ADA

- Falls Prevention
- Grievance
- Professional Practice Councils
- Resource Center
- Spiritual Practices

Medicine

• Ethics

## Advisory Councils

- Work with staff to improve patient and family satisfaction with their care at UWMC
- One-year term minimum
- Meet monthly for 1.5 to 2 hours
- Equal number of staff to advisors
- 2 Co-leads: 1 Staff and 1 Advisor





## Expanding Advisory Council Network

- Rehab Services Council
- Inpatient Council
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Council
- ICU Council
- Outpatient Council
- Transplant Services Council
- Montlake Campus Steering Committee
- Northwest Campus Steering Committee



## Our Councils at Work

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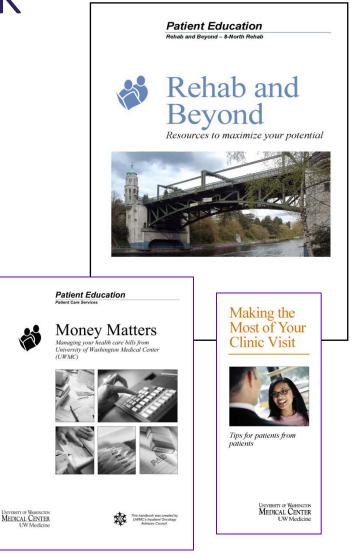
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## **UWMC** Mission Statement

Mission statement updated with the help of patients and families:

# **University of Washington Medical Center** improves health by providing exceptional patient and family centered care in an environment of education and innovation.

## Involving Advisors in Facility Design

Patients involved in many facets of design:

- Testing flooring and furniture
- Commenting on mock-ups
- Recommending color palettes
- Visiting areas to identify needed improvements to existing facilities



## Honoring Our Advisors

## THE MARIA HALL AWARD for Excellence in Patient and Family Centered Care



#### About the Award

The Maria Hall Award recognizes volunteers, professionals-intraining, staff, and clinicians at UWMC who put the values of patient and family centered care into action by: USTENING to patients' and families' perspectives and

- acknowledging their beliefs, values, and cultural backgrounds, which are incorporated into a plan of care. RESPECTING patients and families in ways that strengthen
- confidence and preserve dignity. SHARING INFORMATION with patients and families in

#### About Maria Hall

Maria Hall encompassed everything that "patient and family centered care" means. Severely disabled by multiple scierosis (MS), she was committed to developing a manual to help patients and families cope and thrive within rehab. She had a quiet but determined personality that showed her passion in all she did, whether it was in her writing for the manual or her comments concerning various topics in council meetings.

Maria led by her example and by her commitment, which often were hard to tell apart. She lost her battle with MS in 2006.



Maria was truly inspirational and is missed by all who knew her. She would be proud to see the accomplishments of UWMC in its efforts to better embrace patient and family centered care. Clork Landa, Patient Advisor Rehob Services Advisory Council

Past Winners of the Maria Hall Award

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#### AWARD WINNERS 2019 **Courtney Pullen**

#### Carrie Murayama



"A SHIE MURAYAMA Is a Family Advisor who Caserves as the co-lead of the inpatient Council. in her leadership role, Carrie epitorsibes a strong and supportive partnership among patients, families, and UWMC staff. She has focused on the strengths of patients and families, especially those on the Advisory Council, in the projects the Council chooses.

Last year, the Council worked on recording pattent and family stories in Story Corps. Carrie's approach to the project assured both the safety and engagement on the part of patients and families. The Created was able to second sich and



A NURSE PRACTITIONER on the Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SECU) of UWMC, Country is a strong advocate for and partner of patients and families. While she impacts the lives of many individuals, she has also taken her passion to the nystem level and worked to improve care for all critically it patients.

One such example is her leadership on an instative to support pattents who have long stays in the ICUs. Courtney has helped create processes and communication tools to enhance the care of this unique subset of pattents, such as a structured mark to creation of a dark schedule. This darks

Annual Maria Hall Award

## Celebrating Our Work



### QUESTIONS

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