

Nurse Recognition Award

LORI COLINERI

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Dr. Lori Colineri is a dynamic, results-oriented healthcare executive who empowers organizations and team members to thrive. She has paved the way for countless nurses to achieve their highest potential through coaching and mentorship. Known for her extensive clinical, operational, and leadership experience across academic quaternary, tertiary, and community hospital settings, Dr. Colineri brings proven expertise in executive leadership, nursing and medical staff relations, strategic planning, business development, and performance improvement. Her approach is rooted in a multidisciplinary team model anchored in trust, integrity, and mutual respect.

Dr. Colineri has served in multiple Chief Nursing Officer roles across the state of New Jersey. She currently holds the position of Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at Hackensack Meridian Health JFK University Medical Center in Edison, New Jersey. In this role, she oversees the delivery of patient care and leads the development and implementation of nursing strategies and policies. She also has direct oversight of the Hackensack Meridian JFK University Medical Center's JFK Muhlenberg Harold B. and Dorothy A. Snyder Schools of Nursing and Medical Imaging. This unique role enables Dr. Colineri to work towards educating and preparing student nurses and medical imagers, as well as facilitating their transition into practice in the hospital setting.

Lori serves as a transformational leader, where her strategic vision and unwavering commitment to excellence have elevated the nursing practice across the continuum of care. She fosters a culture of collaboration, compassion, and accountability—empowering nurses and interdisciplinary teams to pursue sustainable improvements in clinical outcomes, patient safety, and the work environment. Dr. Colineri's leadership is marked by her ability to inspire others, develop future nurses and leaders, and integrate evidence-based practice with the art of caregiving. Her influence extends as a mentor, advocate, and role model, elevating the profession through her actions.

Her distinguished nursing career, spanning more than four decades, stands as a testament to her unwavering commitment, visionary leadership, and enduring legacy as a trailblazer in nursing excellence.

A message from Lori: *I would like to acknowledge the exemplary front line nursing team, nursing leadership team, faculty and executive leadership team at HMH-JFK University Medical Center and across all of HMH for their support and selfless dedication to our patients and the communities we serve.*