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Message from the The Chief Nursing Officer

I am proud to present our second issue of the UCSD Journal of Nursing. Many exciting things have been happening at the Medical Center, especially in our Critical Care areas. Recently we acquired the very prestigious Burn Verification given by the American Burn Association. UCSD Medical Center is the only hospital in San Diego and Imperial counties to have this verification. I am so pleased to see how well the entire staff on the Burn Unit helped to get ready for this visit as it shows great teamwork from all multidisciplinary areas and a remarkable outcome.

This year also marks the 25th anniversary of UCSD's official designation as a Level 1 Trauma center and it is also the 20th year of the current SICU/Trauma unit. These are two great milestones.

The current issue of the UCSD Journal of Nursing focuses on our Critical Care Units with special articles from the SICU/Trauma, Thornton ICU PTE program, Burn ICU, and an article by our 2008 Nurse of the Year Peter Hall.

These articles include many touching stories and valuable information about what our nurses do every day. Our current quality indicators also show a decrease in our pressure injuries and central line bloodstream infections due to the nursing care in critical care units. These units require passionate, strong, and caring individuals to be able to provide the patient with the best care. I am proud to share the achievements of our nurses and the differences they make in the lives and experiences of our patients.

Sincerely,

Margarita Baggett RN MSN

CHIEF NURSING OFFICER

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