



## WE'RE BACK!

Welcome to a new year of *The StethoSCOOP*! This monthly e-newsletter from UPMC Altoona Nursing Education is designed especially for local nursing students like you. Each issue will arrive in your inbox with:

- Employment opportunities
- Student-nurse internship information
- News and events relevant to your journey
- Tips and insights for future nurses

We're here to support you as you explore your nursing career—and we hope you'll consider UPMC Altoona as part of that path.

Missed an issue? Catch up on past editions [here](#).



### Congratulations to Our Spring DAISY Award Winners!

We're proud to announce that Jon Schimmel (UPJ) and Zachary Grove (MAC) have been honored with DAISY Awards for nursing students this spring.

- **Jon Schimmel** stood out during his internship by demonstrating qualities that go beyond clinical skills—empathy, integrity, and teamwork. His critical thinking and compassionate care make him the kind of nurse who uplifts every workplace.
- **Zachary Grove** earned high praise from a patient for his helpfulness, patience, kindness, and depth of knowledge. These traits were consistently evident in his interactions with every patient, reflecting his dedication and attentiveness.

The DAISY Award is an international recognition program from the DAISY Foundation, celebrating the skillful and compassionate care nurses provide every day.



Jennifer Bopp, RN educator, presents a DAISY Award to Jon Schimmel.



Zachary Grove



Staff members of Tower 12 MPCU made it the "Most Student Friendly Unit" last spring.

### Congratulations to Tower 12 MPCU, voted by student nurses as the Most Student-Friendly Unit following their clinical experiences at UPMC Altoona last spring!

To celebrate, the unit received a certificate, a generous goody basket for the entire staff, and a banner that will proudly hang on the unit until the next winner is announced. This award is presented each fall and spring, based on votes from nursing students.

Want to help choose the next winner? Look for the QR code in upcoming issues of *The StethoSCOOP* and cast your vote.

### UPMC Altoona Plain Language Descriptions

The following chart is a handy reference for UPMC Altoona Plain Language Descriptions for **SECURITY ALERTS**. Facility and medical event alerts will appear in future *StethoSCOOP* issues.

| Security Alerts - Plain Language                 | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Armed Subject/Active Shooter</b>              | An individual(s) is reported to be on the premises with a weapon and may be using it to harm others. Take immediate action to secure your safety. Formerly known as Bronze Alert in some facilities.                                                  |
| <b>Bomb Threat</b>                               | A threat has been made indicating that an explosive device may be present in the facility.                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Child Abduction (1 year of age and older)</b> | A child has been taken or is missing under suspicious circumstances. Staff should remain alert and help monitor exits and surroundings.                                                                                                               |
| <b>Condition Support</b>                         | A situation is occurring that requires additional staff support to safely manage a patient or visitor's behavior. This may involve de-escalation or assistance with a disruptive individual.                                                          |
| <b>Enhanced Security Measures</b>                | Extra security measures and actions taken to increase the basic security practices and protocols of the facility, which may include closing/limiting access to specific hospital entrances/locations or deploying extra police or security officers.  |
| <b>Hostage Situation</b>                         | One or more individuals are being held against their will by a person who may be armed or dangerous. Stay clear of the area and follow emergency procedures.                                                                                          |
| <b>Infant Abduction (0-12 months old)</b>        | An infant has been taken or is missing under suspicious circumstances. Immediate monitoring of exits and increased security response is activated. More likely to be carried or hidden in smaller less obvious places such as bags or under clothing. |
| <b>Missing Person/Missing Child</b>              | A patient, visitor, or staff member is lost or unaccounted for and may need assistance. Staff may be asked to help search the premises.                                                                                                               |
| <b>Suspicious Package</b>                        | An unattended or unusual package has been found and is considered potentially dangerous. Avoid the area and await further instructions from security or law enforcement.                                                                              |

## EMPLOYMENT Opportunities



### NURSING STUDENTS

<https://careers.upmc.com/nursing>



### GRADUATE NURSES

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