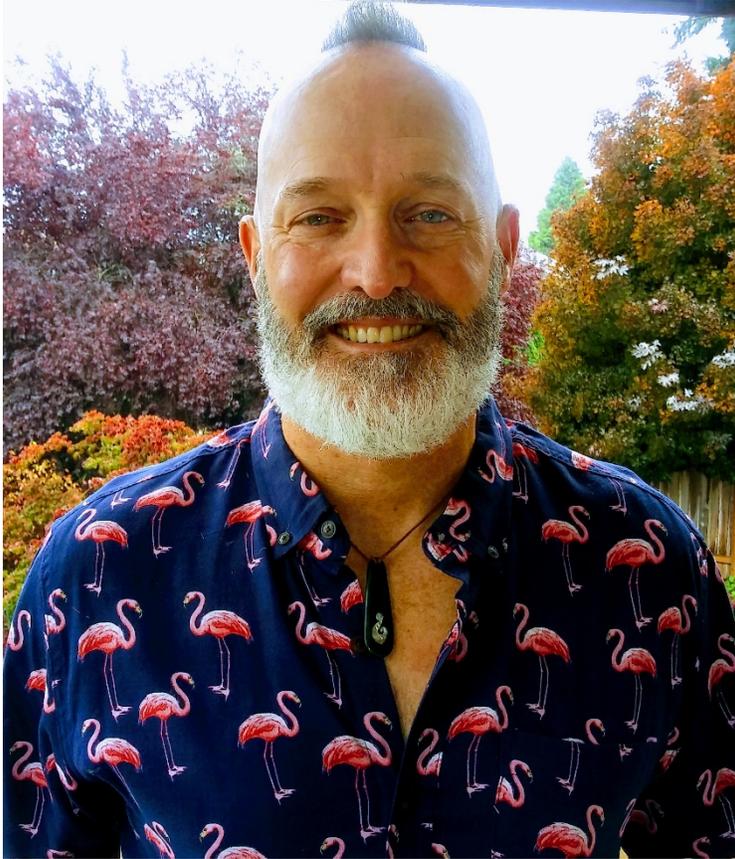


Christopher Brandt, RN, PCU, nominated by two patients for The DAISY Award



Chris is truly an example of an extraordinary nurse worthy of this recognition. I have been associated with nurses for over 45 years. My wife was a hospital RN, an instructor of nursing at Linn-Benton Community College and an occupational RN supervisor at Hewlett-Packard in Corvallis. From the moment Chris came in the hospital room and he started his assessment I could tell by his questions he was interested in me and knew what conditions to look for. His caring tone and attention to detail over the next six days continued. He brought me additional medical devices to use for breathing/exercise and checked almost hourly to see if I was following his instructions. He kept reminding me how significant my heart/diabetic conditions were even though I kept trying to downplay them. I got the message that he really cared and wanted to impress upon

me how important it was to complete the exercise routine hourly or daily as needed. I'm out of the hospital and still following the routine he helped establish. My general practitioner says my new test results show I'm a "rock star." I attribute a lot of my recovery and acceptance of my medical condition to Chris's positive attitude and attention to me as an individual as well as a patient.

- I had been admitted to hospital with sepsis and pneumonia. Chris cared for me after my transfer from the ICU to his unit. He was my nurse for several days. He was the complete nurse, attentive, professional, kind and compassionate. He also let his personality shine through. He checked on me frequently and made certain my needs whatever they were, got addressed. I had had ankle surgery which immediately preceded my acute illness so there was considerable pain which he monitored and treated. He was a great coordinator of my care team, ensuring the other members knew when they were needed. And he liked my wife's meatloaf! I couldn't eat for days. On one of those days my wife brought in one of my favorites, country meatloaf with ketchup on top. I couldn't touch it, so Chris was kind enough to make sure it went to good use. He liked it so much we have been sharing recipes since. Maybe it's silly, but it meant a lot to my wife and me. A bright spot in a tough situation. That's Chris*