

Georgia McPartlan BSN, RN, OMS, CWS

Blending Clinical Expertise and Holistic Healing in Wound Care

This month, NAWCO proudly recognizes Georgia McPartlan, BSN, RN, OMS, CWS, as our Outstanding Clinician. A Wound Care Nurse at Memorial Hermann in Houston, Texas, Georgia stands out not only for her clinical excellence but also for her deep compassion, unique holistic approach, and unwavering dedication to both her patients and her fellow clinicians.

Georgia's journey into wound care began in 2000 while working in esthetics, where she cultivated a strong interest in skin care and healing. She integrated massage therapy into her treatments and began exploring Reiki, a holistic technique she continues to practice today. Her passion for caring for the body and mind ultimately led her to pursue her nursing degree in 2009 and later her BSN in 2012.

She began her nursing career as an ICU nurse in New York, where she quickly became known for her ability to form meaningful connections with patients and families. Her hospital offered a "serenity room" for staff to find peace and reflection—something Georgia embraced fully. She often visited the space to comfort and support overwhelmed or grieving colleagues, drawing on her empathetic nature and ability to sense emotional needs. Her impact extended beyond patients, earning her a nomination for the Outstanding Nurse Award by the Professional Nurses Association of Western New York.

In 2022, Georgia relocated to Houston and joined Memorial Hermann as a Wound Care Nurse. There, she was excited to see the expansion of the hospital's Code Lilac program, which echoed the serenity room experience she cherished in New York. Once again, she

stepped up to support her peers, providing emotional care and compassion during difficult moments—just as she does for her patients.

Georgia recently earned her Ostomy Management Specialist (OMS) certification from NAWCO and has developed a strong connection to her ostomy patients. Her personal experience supporting her father through colon cancer and a colostomy gave her firsthand insight into the physical and emotional challenges faced by new ostomates. She uses this understanding to guide and empower her patients, always taking care to "read the room" and focus on those who need her support most—patients and families alike.

One of Georgia's proudest moments came when she cared for a young patient who had suffered a perforated intestine after swallowing a toothpick, resulting in an ileostomy. Georgia's empathy and encouragement helped the patient not only recover but stay hopeful and determined to have the ostomy reversed. Months later, the patient returned to thank Georgia, crediting her with giving the strength and support needed during the most difficult part of her journey.

Georgia is a shining example of what it means to treat the whole person—not just the physical wound, but also the emotional and psychological pain that comes with it. By blending conventional clinical practice with holistic healing, she meets her patients where they are and lifts those around her.

Please join NAWCO in congratulating Georgia McPartlan as this month's Outstanding Clinician. Her compassion, expertise, and holistic approach are making a powerful impact every day.

If you know a NAWCO certified clinician who is making an impact like Georgia, we would love to hear their story. Please click the following link to tell us. Excellence in wound care nominee