

**Inaugural APP of the Year Award presented by
The APP General Council and The Center for Advanced Practice**

Laura Zitella, Lead APP for the Inpatient Hematology/Oncology APP Team, has been named the 2014 inaugural recipient of the APP of the Year Award presented by The APP General Council and The Center for Advanced Practice. Laura Zitella, MS, RN, ACNP-BC, AOCN, was recognized for her success in pioneering numerous evidence-based practice changes within Stanford Health Care and the Hematology/Oncology community at large.

Laura's accomplishments at SHC include creating the first APP-only inpatient team (Med 9), formulating the lymphoma protocols for the BEACON electronic chemotherapy program, pioneering a policy allowing APPs to independently order chemotherapy and enhancing patient care by standardizing oncology guidelines.

"Laura is an accomplished professional and a driving force behind the advancement of APP practice at Stanford and at the national level," said Mary Petrofsky, NP. The Center for Advanced Practice and the APP General Council is pleased to recognize her accomplishments within the profession and her successes at Stanford with this inaugural award.

Laura, who joined SHC in 1999, has also led or participated in multiple hospital-wide performance improvement projects, created a comprehensive onboarding and orientation program, and chaired multiple committees.

Nationally, Laura has many publications, presentations, and has served on multiple committees to advance the practice of nursing. In 2010, she received the Oncology Nursing Society's Excellence in Medical Oncology. She also co-edited and authored chapters in the Oncology Nursing Society's definitive text, Hematologic Malignancies in Adults, published in 2013.

Please help us congratulate Laura Zitella in becoming the first APP of the Year at SHC!



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