

## SHARP HEALTHCARE NURSING LEADERSHIP

**Name:** Belinda M. Toole, PhD, CCRN-K, CCNS, CNS

**Title:** Clinical Nurse Specialist  
Sharp Memorial Hospital

### **Summary:**

I am currently a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Sharp Memorial Hospital. My responsibilities include special projects and review of nursing evidence-based practice projects and nursing research studies. I am a voting member of the Sharp HealthCare Institutional Review Board. I serve as adjunct faculty in the Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Program at the University of San Diego (USD) Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science.

### **Research Interests:**

My research interests include interpersonal relationships among healthcare providers and patients and evidence-based practice.

### **Education:**

- PhD, Nursing, USD Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science, San Diego, CA, 2015  
Dissertation: Patient Care Technology and the Nurse-Patient Relationship
- MSN, USD Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science, San Diego, CA, 2005
- BSN, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 1972

### **Certifications:**

- Critical Care Registered Nurse-Knowledge (CCRN-K), American Association of Critical Care Nurses Certification Corporation
- Critical Care Nurse Specialist (CCNS), American Association of Critical Care Nurses Certification Corporation
- Clinical Nurse Specialist, CA Board of Registered Nursing
- Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, Sharp HealthCare

### **Recent Honors:**

- 2015 Nurse Leader of the Year: New Knowledge, Innovations & Improvements, Sharp Metropolitan Medical Campus
- 2015 Safe Patient Mobilization, Safety Core Award, Sharp Memorial Hospital

### **Publications:**

[PubMed](#)

### **Favorite Leadership Quote:**

“A leader... is like a shepherd. He stays behind the flock, letting the most nimble go out ahead, whereupon the others follow, not realizing that all along they are being directed from behind.” Nelson Mandela

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