



Photo cutline: Pictured from left are staff members of Exeter Hospital's Family Center who are part of the Beacon Award team: **Cathy White; Michelle Savoie**, Manager; **Kyle Hotaling; Kellie Hall; Megan Bruce; Allie MacDonald; Heather Colbert; Debbie O'Neil**; and **Laura Stone**. Missing: **Nicole Fowles; Katie Atilano; Shauna McMenimen; Emily Bombard; April Henry; Ashley Mitchell; Cheryl Lodge**; and **Maura Burbank**.

Family Center Receives Silver Level AACN Beacon Award

Congrats to the staff of Exeter Hospital's Family Center, that was recently honored with the American Association of Critical Care Nurses' (AACN) Silver Level Beacon Award for Excellence! Not only is our Family Center one of only two obstetrics units in the country to have received the award, but Exeter is the **ONLY** hospital in New Hampshire to have received a Beacon Award — three to be exact, as our ICU and PCU are also recipients. The award recognizes unit caregivers who successfully improve patient outcomes and align practices with the AACN's six standards for healthy work environments. Units that achieve the three-year designation meet national criteria consistent with Magnet™ Recognition, the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, and the National Quality Healthcare Award.

"We are honored Exeter Hospital's Family Center has been recognized by the AACN for the excellent care our staff provides to their patients," says **Susan Burns-Tisdale**, Senior Vice President of Clinical Operations and Chief Nurse Executive. "This is the third unit at Exeter Hospital to have received the AACN's Beacon award, which is a testimony to the dedication our staff shows every day to providing outstanding patient care and consistently striving for excellent clinical outcomes."