Clinical Practice Award:
Lois J. Pizzi, MSN, ACNS-BC, RN-BC

Lois is known to be a driving force for her evidence-based practice. She is a highly respected consultant in the delivery system of pain management, new or old pharmacological products, and in the hospital. She is recognized by medical colleagues for her expertise in pharmacology and delivery of safe and effective methods of pain control.

Lois develops and teaches every in-services associate with pain management. She strongly believes in collaboration with all disciplines as a patient advocate, to improve their quality of life. She helped set up the Acute Interventional Perioperative Pain Services (AIPPS), a regional pain management program at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Shadyside Hospital. She helped develop a clinical model for care delivery of regional anesthesia for Orthopedic, Urology, Surgical/Oncology, and Cardiovascular Surgical patients. She was the lead nurse educator developing order sets, policy development and patient materials.

As a Facilitator of the UPMC Shadyside Pain Resource Nurse Group, Lois has expanded the program to more than five system hospitals providing educations. She provides conference level education system wide on “The Pain Resource Nurse Curriculum.” Lois has been a widely requested speaker at the local, regional and national pain management meetings.

Recently, Lois has published several articles on Pain Management Nursing Magazine. Lois has received multiple awards from the University of Pittsburgh, including the ACES Award, the highest award given by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center for commitment and excellence in service.