



The Family of Mr. Frank J. Fernandez takes great pleasure in presenting the Navy Commendation Medal to

MR. NICHOLAS PASKIN, RN  
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER

For service as set forth in the following CITATION:

For outstanding performance while serving as the lead caregiver for Mr. Frank J. Fernandez during his admittance to Mercy Medical Center, Merced, from January 13 to January 21, 2018. Nurse Paskin's leadership and superior medical acumen were instrumental during his role as the primary nurse for Mr. Fernandez' assignment to the seventh floor stroke recovery ward. His compassion, sense of duty, and commitment were readily evident in the first few minutes of his review of Mr. Fernandez' condition with the immediate family members upon assignment to his floor. Most impressively, he instilled a great sense of calm and ease in the family during a time of great extremis. Nurse Paskin assisted with the coordination of multiple necessary tests and procedures consistent with symptoms presented by a stroke victim. It was crystal clear to the family that Nurse Paskin wasn't just dealing with 'another stroke victim', but he was attending to Mr. Frank J. Fernandez, a husband of 64 years and father for 62 years. His dedication to the spirit of the Florence Nightingale Pledge and 'devoted service to human welfare' was clear when Nurse 'Nick' worked overtime during a challenging evening for Mr. Fernandez and personally reached out to the family after working hours. This rare example of devotion to duty can only be exceeded by the amount of appreciation the Fernandez Family has for being blessed by a consummate professional attending to the family patriarch. Nurse Paskin's exceptional professionalism, personal initiative, and loyal devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Dignity Health Network.

For the Family,

J. G. Fernandez II  
Commander, U.S. Navy  
(Retired)

