

# Andrew Casinelli: Pedaling Forward in Nursing Leadership



Andrew's journey from nurse extern to Clinical Nurse Manager showcases a leader who believes in the power of teamwork and kindness. His warm approach and dedication to creating a supportive environment have made him a beloved figure on the 6W unit at Henry Ford St. John Hospital.

## **Nursing Path**

- Started in 2014 as a nurse extern at Ascension St. John Hospital (now Henry Ford St. John)
- Earned his BSN from Wayne State University in 2016
- Spent eight rewarding years on 5 East – Elective Surgery
- Developed leadership skills as Assistant Clinical Leader
- In 2021 he stepped up as Clinical Nurse Manager of 6W
- Recently completed his Master's in Nursing Leadership (August 2024)

## **Team-Centered Leadership**

Today, Andrew guides a team of 38 healthcare professionals in a 22-bed medical/surgical unit. His friendly leadership style creates genuine connections while prioritizing patient safety and satisfaction. In his own words: "It's the team. We've created real camaraderie and a culture of support. We work hard, we look out for one another, and we always center our care on kindness."

## **What Makes Henry Ford Special**

Andrew appreciates the people-first culture surrounding him: "What's surprised me most is how genuinely this organization cares for its team members. That support makes a huge difference."

## **Off-Duty Adventures**

When he's not inspiring his nursing team, Andrew hits the road on two wheels: "Cycling is my outlet. I probably bike more than I should, but it keeps me grounded."