



Lee Ann Hollingsworth

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Recognized for her dedication to patient safety
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Lee Ann Hollingsworth is committed to patient safety at Pennsylvania Hospital. As a Patient Care Technician, Lee Ann works in the preadmission testing unit, where patients receive preoperative testing prior to surgery. While performing a routine electrocardiogram (EKG) on a patient scheduled for surgery, Lee Ann noticed an abnormal reading indicating a heart attack. The patient was scheduled for surgery unrelated to anything cardiovascular, and he told Lee Ann he felt fine.

Lee Ann remained calm and tested the patient several more times. All of the EKGs read abnormal as well, and even though the patient said he felt fine and resisted going to the emergency room (ER), Lee Ann called ahead to the ER and assured the patient he would be taken right away. She even called his wife and together they encouraged him to allow Lee Ann to call 911.

The patient was admitted to the hospital and had heart surgery the next morning.

Join the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority in congratulating Lee Ann Hollingsworth for her persistence in making sure her patient received the appropriate care in a timely manner at Pennsylvania Hospital.



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