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**New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland therapy team leader honored with top companywide award**

**PORTLAND, ME., May 3, 2019** - Laura Young, PT, MS, NCS, therapy team leader at New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland, a Joint Venture of Maine Medical Center and Encompass Health, has been honored as one of only seven finalists out of more than 29,000 inpatient rehabilitation employees in the Encompass Health network to receive the 2018 Outstanding Employee Achievement Award. Laura was honored yesterday at an awards gala in Birmingham, Alabama.

Award finalists were selected based on their performance in four areas: contributions to extraordinary patient experience, team spirit and cooperation, commitment to continuous quality improvement, and going above and beyond the call of duty. The process began with each of Encompass Health's 130 inpatient rehabilitation hospitals honoring an employee of the year. Seven winners were then named to represent each of Encompass Health's regions.

"Laura embodies all that our Encompass Health Values represent. Laura has frequently been recognized by patients for her dedication and commitment to their recovery," said Jeanine Chesley, CEO of New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland. "In her interactions with patients, she leads with empathy and by example as she approaches each patient with respect."

In her seven years as a physical therapy clinical leader, Laura has made strong impacts on many patients. This includes one patient in particular who wrote a book about his recovery following a near-death experience that left him with a severe neurologic impairment, and how Laura was instrumental in that journey.

Laura is recognized throughout the hospital for her positive impact across departments. She has worked closely with the hospital nursing staff to develop the spinal cord program, embodying Encompass Health's value of being stronger together by providing positive feedback, sharing input and expertise in the management of patients.

"Laura lives the Encompass Health Way every day. She is compassionate and caring in her interactions with patients and staff, she is an expert in her field, and she openly shares her knowledge with others," said Chesley.

Learn more about Laura by watching [this brief video](#).

### **About New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland, a Joint Venture of Maine Medical Center and Encompass Health**

New England Rehabilitation Hospital, a Joint Venture of Maine Medical Center and Encompass Health is a 100-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital that offers comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation services. Serving patients throughout Maine, the hospital is located at 335 Brighton Avenue in Portland. The hospital may be found on the web at [www.encompasshealth.com/locations/nerhp/](http://www.encompasshealth.com/locations/nerhp/).

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