

## **Shirley Dunbar Named South Central Region WOC Nurse of the Year 2006**

It is with great pleasure that we announce the South Central Region WOC nurse of the year. Shirley Dunbar is a staff WOC nurse at Presbyterian Hospital Dallas her practice is focused on in-patient acute care; however she often sees out-patients to provide WOC nursing care as well. Her consults involve the full scope of WOC nursing practice. Shirley works to educate physicians, professional nurses, nursing students as well as patients and their families regarding WOC care. In doing so she brings a special team approach to patient care, everyone feels involved and practices together. Her practice is to involve all disciplines in the total care of each of her patients. Through this practice she consistently achieves her goal to attain quality patient outcomes.

Shirley is involved with WOC in-services and product in-services for the Presbyterian Hospital staff. She has participated in CE presentations for Presbyterian Hospital and the Texas Health Resources System. She presented a poster at SAWC entitled "Negative Pressure Wound Therapy in the Management of a Large Sternal Wound." She has an outspoken nature and actively promotes WOC nursing. Shirley has participated in IRB approved clinical research and has provided case studies for several clinical products.

Shirley serves as a preceptor for WOC nursing students as well as undergraduate nursing students and High school students in the healthcare magnet school. She is active in the local WOC group activities and is a member of the WOCN. She has served the South Central Region WOCN as Conference Planning Chair for 2002. She is active in the local UOAA group serving as the ET/Medical advisor.

It is an honor to include Shirley Dunbar among this very select group of outstanding WOC nurses called the WOC Nurse of the Year.