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TRACKING TOOL: From left, Marilyn Morales, MSN, RN-BC, FNP-BC, Cathy Madigan, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, and Nimisha Patel, MHA, discuss the intricacies of their nursing tool. *photo by Peggy Mattingly, courtesy University of North Carolina Hospitals*

Nursing Tool at UNC Aids Magnet Efforts

Nurses at **University of North Carolina Hospitals (UNCH)**, Chapel Hill, have helped develop an electronic tool they say will assist them in maintaining Magnet status.

The Magnet Evidence Tracking Tool is designed to work within the framework of the four major components of the 2008 Magnet model.

Created by **Mary Tonges, PhD, RN, FAAN**, chief nursing officer and senior vice president; **Cathy Madigan, MSN, RN, NEA-BC**; **Marilyn Morales, MSN, RN-BC, FNP-BC** (co-chairs of the Magnet Initiative at UNC); and **Nimisha Patel, MHA**, Magnet coordinator, the tool's main section captures all vital information needed from the file at large and provides a visual executive summary of the progress with evidence collection for all 88 Magnet operating standards by using graphs and tables, according to officials.

Other features reportedly include:

- automated color-coding to allow viewers to easily identify areas that are incomplete;
- completion-percentage meters for all four major components and their respective subcomponents; and
- detailed layers of information for each source of evidence, such as a brief description of the exemplar(s) to be used and the team member responsible for collecting it.

The end-user can easily navigate the instrument's sections via hyperlinks similar to a Web site experience, officials said. Additionally, the device can be modified for use in other phases of the project, such as completing a gap analysis or tracking the document writing. ■

CaroMont Surgery Unit Honored by NCNA

The day-of-surgery unit at **CaroMont Health**, Gastonia, NC, has received the Hallmarks of Healthy Workplaces award from the North Carolina Nurses Association.

The program gives recognition to single health-related agencies or units of those agen-

des which have developed healthy workplaces; promote open communication, respect, and solution-focused actions to enhance the nurse's delivery of professional care; and strengthen the recruitment and retention of nurses.

There are three major components within each workplace that contribute to a Hallmarks Healthy Workplace, according to officials:

- support of nursing professional develop-