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## **El Camino College Grad Named Associate Chief Nursing Officer at Northern California Hospital**

El Camino College graduate Patricia Schlendering, MA, RN has been named associate chief nursing officer of the Regional Medical Center of San Jose, a 204-bed hospital in the eastern part of the city.

Schlendering has held nursing management and executive positions for more than 30 years in the United States and in Saudi Arabia. Before joining Regional Medical Center, Schlendering worked in a variety of management positions in critical care, recruitment, and nursing administration in the Southern California area.

From 2001-2004, she served as chief nursing officer for King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and co-led the successful Joint Commission International Accreditation process. In 2004, Schlendering returned to the United States and worked as an independent executive nurse consultant in the Midwest before joining Regional Medical Center of San Jose.

A native Californian, Schlendering holds an Associate of Arts degree in nursing from El Camino College; a Bachelor of Science degree in health sciences from Chapman College in Orange; and a Master of Arts in organizational management from University of Phoenix.

The El Camino College Associate Degree Nursing Department is one of largest programs in the state. The current pass rate on the national licensing examination averages above 95% and graduates are employed throughout the United States.

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