

Health Care

heroes

NURSES

BARBARA HUMRICK

Nurse practitioner
*University Hospitals Rainbow
 Babies & Children's Hospital
 Pediatric*



From the nomination:

The parents of Barbara Humrick's patients truly consider her a hero.

"No one I have met in my lifetime epitomizes this term better than Barb Humrick," said one of three mothers of Ms. Humrick's patients to nominate her for this award. "She serves her patients with compassion,

empathy and expertise."

They praised her for her efforts to get to know the children she cares for, not just their medical records. One mother wrote of Ms. Humrick keeping up with her son as he was accepted at a university and then

left for school.

Another wrote of her advocacy for her patients.

"I can remember a time my son was in a lot of pain during rounds, and I was in the hallway listening to the doctors discussing his case," she wrote.

"Barbara wouldn't settle for any-

thing less than getting him the proper medication to make him comfortable and getting it for him immediately."

Ms. Humrick also is one of the founders of In It Together, an organization that offers support and advocates for pediatric cancer

patients.

"It's not a job to her or even a career to her. It's her life; it's her passion," wrote mother Debbie George, who worked with Ms. Humrick in co-founding the support group. "She cures, but cares first."

DR. JEFF AULETTA

**Physician, pediatric
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 Pediatrics*



From the nomination:

Shannon FitzGerald didn't think Dr. Jeff Auletta could possibly live up to his reputation.

While sitting in the waiting room before her appointment with Dr. Auletta, another mom in the waiting room couldn't stop talking about how great he was and how

lucky Ms. FitzGerald was that he would be treating her 17-year-old son, who had been diagnosed with cancer.

When she talked to the nurses, they added praise.

She was skeptical at first but now agrees wholeheartedly.

Ms. FitzGerald lauded how delicately Dr. Auletta handled her son's illness, how he encouraged him to keep applying to colleges and how he continues to support her son today.

"Because of Dr. Auletta's example

of kindness, generosity and overall goodness, my son not only received tremendous medical care, but also saw first-hand what it means to be a man serving others — a gift that most parents want their children to emulate," she wrote in the nomination.

Dr. Auletta also was a founding member of In It Together, a group aiming to help young people diagnosed with cancer in Northeast Ohio.

"Dr. Auletta is an endless advocate for our young people who are diagnosed, in treatment or surviving cancer," the nomination said.