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Brigitte August is a charge nurse in the surgical intensive care unit at Boca Raton Regional Hospital in Boca Raton, Florida, and council chairperson for the Healthy Work Environment Council.

An active AACN member, she endorses quality improvement, fostering a

healthy work environment and providing professional mentorship. Brigitte's leadership drives measurable organizational excellence. She spearheaded initiatives that significantly reduced hospital-acquired pressure injuries on her unit, decreasing cases from 11 in 2022 to just three year-to-date. In addition, her team's "green sheet turning system" reduced injuries from seven in 2024 to two in 2025. Recognizing staff well-being, she created the Lavender Lounge/Serenity Lounge, leading to decreased stress and improved nurse resilience. Her support was instrumental in increasing the number of certified nurses in her unit from three to nine, with five more nurses studying for the CCRN.