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## **Porter Named Organ Donation Champion**

VALPARAISO – At this year’s Best Practice Conference in March, the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization will present Porter with its second annual Donation Champion Award.

The award recognizes the health system’s efforts in honoring patient and family wishes for donation, making appropriate referrals and achieving high rates of organs transplanted per donor.

Porter will be receiving the award during IOPO’s two-day, best practice conference, which is being held in Indianapolis March 10 and 11. Porter has worked to be a leader in assisting the efforts of organ donation for more than 15 years.

“I want to congratulate every member of Porter’s multi-disciplinary team that takes care of our donors and their families,” said Lynette Rayman, RN, coordinator for organ and tissue donation at Porter. “I also want to thank the members of the greater Porter County community. This is a generous, thoughtful community that is well-educated about organ donation.”

Rayman said she has seen the positive effects of organ donation.

“I have colleagues and members of my church who have received organs and who are still alive,” she said. “They are alive because someone in this community said, ‘yes’ when they were asked to donate the organs of a loved one. That is what we do at Porter – make the choice available for those who could be considered organ donors.”

