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Evansville nurse wins Patient Health Advocacy Award

INDIANAPOLIS – Mary Raley, RN, an emergency services nurse in Evansville, has been honored with the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) Patient Health Advocate Award for her work promoting all-terrain vehicle (ATV) safety in Indiana.

Raley, of Utica, Ky., is coordinator of injury prevention, trauma education and outreach at St. Vincent Hospital Evansville. She was recognized at ISMA's 168th annual convention, held Sept. 16-17 in Indianapolis.

The award recognizes a non-physician who has contributed greatly to the health and well-being of Hoosier patients. Raley has worked extensively to educate the tristate community on ATV safety, expanding her efforts in 2015 after Kate Bruggenschmidt, 11, of Rockport, was killed riding an ATV without a helmet. Raley and Kate's mother formed the Indiana ATV Safety Coalition, and a state law Raley championed took effect July 1 and requires Hoosiers younger than 18 to wear helmets on ATVs.

"Throughout her career, Mary has been a tremendous advocate for patient, family and community safety education and injury prevention," noted ISMA Past President Heidi Dunningway, MD, who nominated Raley. "Her efforts and dedication are unwavering."

The Indiana State Medical Association is the largest physician organization in Indiana and is dedicated to promoting the well-being of doctors and their patients.

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Editor's note: For more on the ISMA convention, including photos, please visit www.ismanet.org/convention