

# Director of nursing hired at Community Hospital

Jo Ann Gratt has been named the new director of nursing at Community Hospital of Santa Cruz.

Gratt, a New York native, previously was critical care manager at Palm



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Harbor Hospital in Garden Grove.

A registered nurse and an employee of American Medical International for the past three and one-half years, she moved to Santa Cruz last month, replacing former nursing director, Helen Morton.

Gratt's career in health care has spanned more than 20 years, beginning with nursing training at Saint Vincent's Medical Center in New York. She has worked toward a B.S. degree at City University of New York and at Chapman College in California. With board certification in her specialty, critical care, she serves as chapter executive of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

"Jo Ann's not only brought an understanding of the needs of nursing — she has an infectious enthusiasm and a real sense of organization," said Community Hospital Administrator, Jean Adams.

"I'm proud to be here," says Gratt. "The people at Community Hospital are top-notch. We're realizing our potential for quality service . . . it's hard work, but it's exciting."

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