

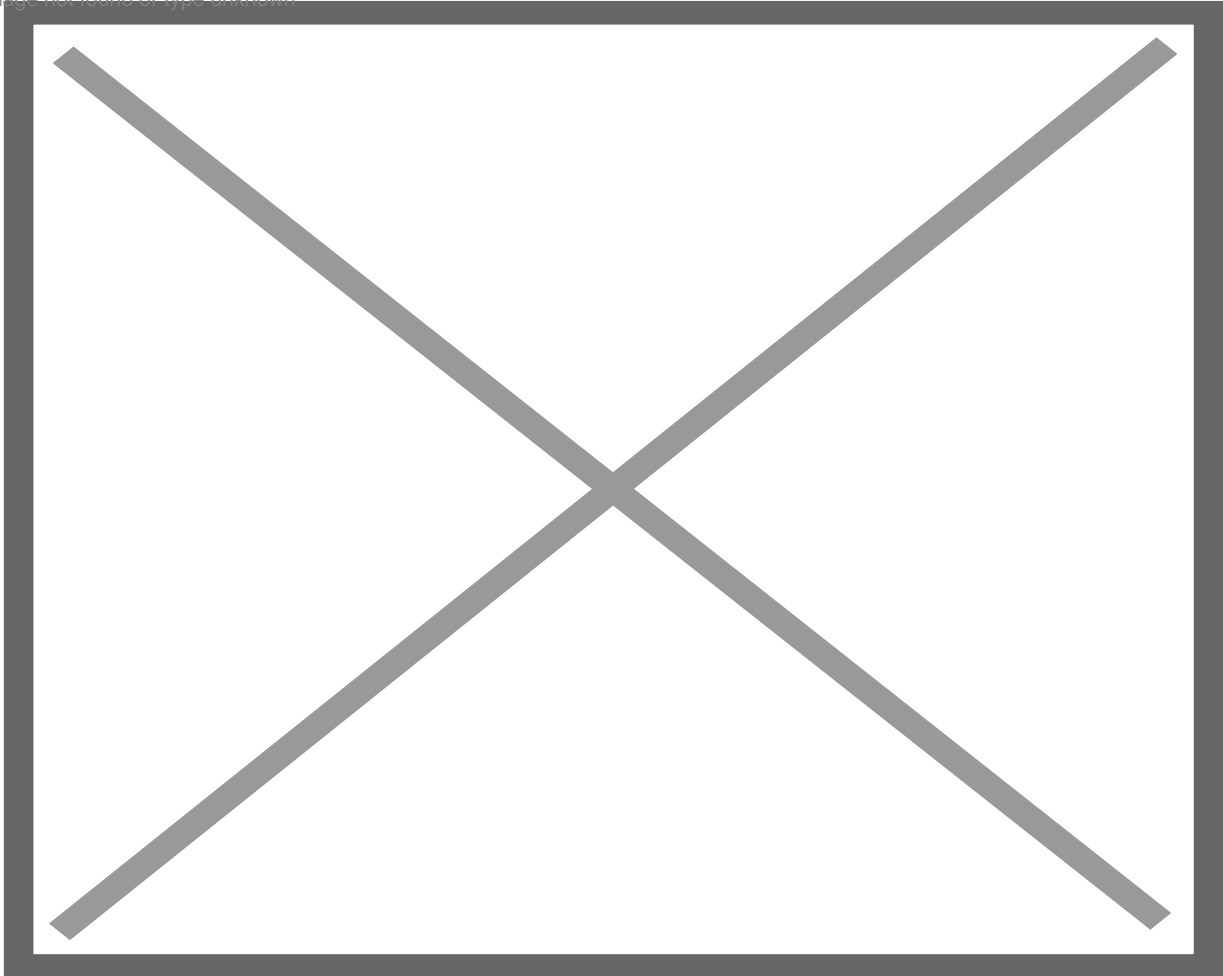
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Emergency Nurses Week Highlight: Alanna Morales

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Editor's Note: V.I. Consortium has joined with emergency nurses at the Juan F. Luis Hospital to highlight some of these outstanding first responders as part of Emergency Nurses Week (Oct. 10-16), an annual celebration dedicated to those who selflessly devote themselves to their patients. This year's theme is "Grit of Emergency Nurses".

Today, the spotlight is on Alanna Morales.

In 2004, Alanna Morales, BSN, RN, moved to St. Croix to attend the University of the Virgin Islands and fulfill her passion to serve others in their time of need. After graduating in 2008, she immediately began working at Juan F. Luis Hospital. Upon completion of a hospital-sponsored critical care training course, she began orienting in the Emergency Department.

For Morales, it only took one week to realize that this was the department. The ED, she says, has kept her engaged and the hospital on a whole has pushed her to go beyond and obtain specialized certifications to better care for emergency patients — all of whom are of all ages in varying levels of acute emergencies.

In 2015, Ms. Morales joined the leadership team of the Emergency Department and despite the many challenges, including natural disasters and now a pandemic, Ms. Morales along with her colleagues, continue to strive to provide quality compassionate care.

“Emergency nurses face a number of challenges during any given day and do not back down. They are willing to face adversity and do what is needed for their patients,” she said. “I am extremely proud to be a part of our awesome Emergency Department team and the JFL team and I would like to wish my amazing ED colleagues and friends, a happy Emergency Nurses Week!”