A patient with cancer was ill with signs and symptoms that suggested a urinary tract infection. Trisha Patel, a critical care and infectious disease pharmacist, went beyond her standard inpatient duties to review the outpatient’s urine test results. Trisha, who works to ensure that patients are on the right antibiotics for their particular disease, noticed the patient was infected with a harmful, multi-drug-resistant bacterium. She called the infectious disease consultant and the patient was admitted to the hospital to receive necessary IV antibiotics.

Trisha’s attention to detail and quick identification of the bacteria prevented the patient from developing a worsening infection.

Join the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority in congratulating Trisha Patel for promoting patient safety at Cancer Treatment Centers of America® at Eastern Regional Medical Center.