Enhancing Healthcare Outcomes Through Research
October 13, 2000 • 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM
OVERVIEW
Co-sponsored by the Institute for Health Care Education and the Capital Region Alliance for Research & Research Utilization, this all-day conference will provide a venue for dissemination of research findings as well as an opportunity to illustrate ways in which utilization of research findings are being used to improve clinical practice.

Keynote address will be delivered by April Vallerand, RN, PhD. Morning session concludes with a choice of concurrent abstract/poster presentations which will provide participants an opportunity to tailor learning regarding projects/strategies that support evidence-based practice.

Plenary address will be delivered by Sean Clarke, RN, PhD, CRNP, CS. Afternoon will conclude with a choice of concurrent skill building sessions.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: April Hazard Vallerand, RN, PhD is currently Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. She lectures nationally, has conducted research and published numerous articles on the topic of pain management. (Sponsored by educational grant from Janssen Pharmaceutica.)

PLENARY SPEAKER
PLENARY SPEAKER: Sean Clarke, RN, PhD, CRNP is a post-doctoral fellow with the Center for Health Outcomes & Policy Research at the University of Pennsylvania. (Sponsored by educational grant courtesy of Pricewaterhouse Coopers, LLP)

CONTACT HOURS
5.7 contact hours will be awarded participants who attend the entire conference. Partial contact hours will be awarded based on number of sessions attended.

Hartford Hospital has been approved as a provider of nursing continuing education by the Connecticut Nurses’ Association (CNA). CNA is accredited as an approver of nursing continuing education by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

REGISTRATION
Conference fee includes refreshment breaks, luncheon and conference materials.
Registration Fees:
Non Alliance Students $25.00
Non-HHCC/Non-Alliance $44.00

No charge for employees of the following organizations: Hartford Hospital, Middlesex Hospital, MidState Medical Center, UCONN Health Center, faculty & students from Capital Community College, Central CT State University, St. Joseph College, UCONN and the University of Hartford.

Advanced Registration deadline is September 29, 2000. Telephone registration will be accepted if payment received by October 5th. For more information, call Joan MacRae, RNC, MS at 860-545-2818.

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Special thanks to the members of the conference planning committee:
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East: Take downtown Hartford Exit, left onto Columbus Blvd. to Wyllys St., through three lights onto Jefferson St. At second light, take a left onto Seymour St. Entrance to the Public Parking Garage is on right side of the street just behind the Medical Bldg.

North/South: Use I-91 to Capitol Area Exit (29A), under Hartford Public Library and 3/4 of the way around Pulaski Circle (rotary). Take right onto Hudson St. and follow to end. Take right onto Jefferson St. Take first left onto Seymour St. Public Parking Garage is on the right side of the street just behind Medical Bldg.

Conference Site
Conference is being held in the Education & Resource Center, 560 Hudson Street. Building is located one block NE of parking garage.
Program Schedule

7:30 AM Registration/Coffee & Danish
Heublein Hall, ERC Lobby

8:00 AM Welcome
Joan MacRae, RNC, MS
Co-Chairperson, Planning Committee

8:05 AM Opening Remarks
Laura Caramanica, RN, PhD
Vice President, Nursing, Hartford Hospital

8:10 AM Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Laura Caramanica, PhD, RN
Co-Chairperson, Planning Committee

8:15 AM Keynote Address:
"Using Research to Change Practice in Pain Management"
April Vallendar, RN, PhD
ERC Heublein Hall

9:15 AM Coffee Break- Heublein Hall
Book Exhibit - ERC Lobby
Poster Exhibit Viewing - Formal Lounge

9:45 AM Concurrent Abstract Presentations
ERC 216, 218, 221 & Heublein Hall

11:00 AM Concurrent Abstract Presentations
ERC 216, 218, 221 & Heublein Hall

11:30 AM Poster Exhibit Viewing
Formal Lounge

11:50 AM Buffet Luncheon
Heublein Hall

12:45 PM Luncheon Address
"Hospital Restructuring, Patient & Nursing Outcomes: A Research Perspective."
Sean Clarke, RN, PhD
Heublein Hall

1:45 PM Concurrent Skill Building Sessions
A. Poster Perfect!
Karyl Burns, RN, PhD
Director, Center for Nursing Research
UCONN School of Nursing
ERC 216

B. Applying Research Findings to Practice
Peg Moynihan, RN, MS
Director, Professional Practice,
Hartford Hospital
Room 221

C. Evidence-based Practice: Implementation & Outcome Evaluation
Rose Maljian, RN, MBA
Director, Outcomes Research
Hartford Hospital; Room 217

D. Evaluating Types & Strength of Research Findings
Deborah Dillon-McDonald, RN, PhD
Associate Professor, University of Connecticut
School of Nursing
Heublein Hall

2:55 PM Conference Wrap-Up Evaluation

3:00 PM Issuing of Certificates of Completion
ERC Lobby

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ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS 9:45 AM
A1: Are Symptoms of Acute Myocardial Infarction the Same for Men & Women?
Colleen Dewan, RN, MSN, CCRN, Clinical Administrator,
Danbury Hospital - ERC 221

A2: Diabetic Foot Screening by APRNs: Outcome in a Community Wellness Center
Catherine Milne, MSN, APRN, Clinical Specialist, Bristol Hospital - ERC 221

B1: Validation of Quality of Hospice Care in Nursing Home Setting Utilizing the STAS® Tool
Elizabeth Sullivan Syring, RN, MS, CRNH - ERC 216

B2: Correlates of Depression in Nursing Home Residents
Amy Lauffer Kenefick, RN, PhD, Assistant Professor,
University of Connecticut - ERC 216

C1: Predictors of Patient Recovery Following Traumatic Injury
Mary Louise Welch, RN, PhD, Associate Professor, St. Joseph College - ERC Heublein Hall

Joanne Roy, RN, PhD, Nurse Educator, Hartford Hospital
ERC Heublein Hall

D1: Surgical Patients' Pain Descriptions & Short Form McGill Pain Questionnaire Responses;
Deborah Dillon-McDonald, RN, PhD, Associate Professor,
University of Connecticut; Constance Weiskopf, PhD, APRN
QA/CQI Coord UCONN Health Center - ERC 218

D2: Voices from the Margin: CNA Role in Pain Management of Institutionalized Elders
Dorothy Varholak, EdD, RN, Asst. Professor, University of Hartford; Janice Costello, BS, RN, VP of Nursing, Masonic Home - ERC 218

11:00 AM
E1: A Trip Down RU Lane: Lessons Learned
Janice Baris, RN, MSN, PCC, Amy Schroder, RN, MSN, Educator, Women's Health, Hartford Hospital - ERC 221

Gloria Borders, RNC, MPH, Dept. of Community Medicine & Health Care and Pediatrics, UCONN Health Center
ERC 216
G1: Meaning of Patient Education Within Planetree Model From Perspective of the Patient
Rhea Sanford, RN, PhD, CS, Director, Case Management, UCONN Health Center, ERC-Heublein Hall

H1: Measurement of Asthma Outcomes in Inner-City Puerto Rican Adults: A Tool for Primary Care
Lynn Satherlie, RN, MPH, PCC
Jane Reardon, RN, MSN, CS, Clinical Director, Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation, Hartford Hospital
ERC 218

POSTER PRESENTATIONS: FORMAL LOUNGE
BOOK EXHIBIT: LOBBY
9:15 AM & 11:30 AM

AIDS Related Nausea & Vomiting
Elizabeth Anderson, PhD, CRNP, APRN, Margaret Spencer, APRN & Stephanie Lennon, RN, University of Connecticut

Second Stage of Labor Management
Janice Bartis, RN, MSN, PCC & Amy Schroder, RN, MSN, Educator, Women's Health, Hartford Hospital

Family Presence in the Resuscitation Room: Do Families Want to be There?
Sheri Blasco, RN, MS Candidate, St. Joseph College

Reducing Unnecessary Bloodwork in the Neurosurgical ICU
Charlene D'Angelo, RN & Diane Vinci, PAA, NSICU, Dawn Beland, RN, MS, CCRN, CS, Critical Care Educator, Hartford Hospital

A Phenomenological Study of The Lived Experience of Stem cell Transplantation for Acute Leukemia
Ellen Pond Levine, RN, BS, Master's Candidate, St. Joseph College

Adolescence Self-Awareness
Sandra Palmer, RNC, Master's Candidate, St. Joseph's College

Chest Pain Study
Terri Savino, RNC, BSN, Quality Improvement Coordinator & Denise MacGregor, RN, BS, CPHQ, Supervisor, Quality Improvement, Middlesex Hospital

Is There “Best Practice” Evidence Regarding Oral Care for Intubated Patients in the ICU?
Barbara Stone, RNC, Staff Nurse, CCU & Debra Benson, RN, Staff Nurse, IMCU, Middlesex Hospital

A Comparison of the Effectiveness of Midclavicular Placement to Superior Vena Cava Placement of PICC Catheters in an Adult Population
Donna Woshinsky, MSN, CRNI, Intravenous Therapy Services, Hartford Hospital

Nurse Caring Behaviors: Impact of a Staff Education Program on Improvement of Caring Behavior and Satisfaction Scores
Susanne Yeakel, RN, BSN, Unit Manager, Luci Trembly, RNC, Michelle Nataro, RN, MSN, Claire Quaggin, RN & Jean Stielau, APRN, Bliss 8, Hartford Hospital

Registration Form

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DEADLINE: September 29, 2000

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Choose Skill Building Session You Will Attend:
(CIRCLE LETTER)
A. Poster Presentations
B. Applying Research Findings to Practice
C. Evidenced-based Practice: Implementation & Outcome Evaluation
D. Evaluating Types & Strength of Research Findings

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Fees includes: conference materials, refreshments and luncheon.

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