The Sixth Annual
Research/Research Utilization
Conference

PARTNERS IN CARE:
Applying Best Practice
to Enhance Relationships
in Health Care

Friday October 4, 2002
7:15 AM – 2:30 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 applying best practice to enhance relationships in Health Care.

Keynote Address will be delivered by Betty R. Ferrell, RN, PhD, FAAN. Morning session includes your choice of concurrent abstract presentations, skill building sessions and qualitative research roundtables. These will provide participants the opportunity to tailor their learning to what best meets their needs.

Lunch is followed by a poster awards presentation. The Plenary Speaker’s address will be given by Sally S. Cohen, RN, PhD, FAAN. The afternoon will conclude with a summary, evaluation and book giveaways.

CONTACT HOURS

5.5 Contact hours will be awarded participants who attend the entire conference. Partial contact hours will be awarded based on the number of sessions attended.

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

Contact hour approval does not imply ANCC Commission on Accreditation/CNA or Hartford Hospital endorsement of any commercial products displayed in conjunction with this conference.

REGISTRATION

Conference fee includes refreshment breaks, buffet luncheon and conference materials:

Registration Fees:
- Non-HHCC/Non-Alliance: $48.00
- Non-Alliance Students: $25.00

No charge for employees/students of the following organizations:
- Hartford Hospital
- Connecticut Children’s Medical Center
- Middlesex Hospital
- MidState Medical Center
- New Britain General Hospital
- Capital Community College
- Central Connecticut State University
- Quinnipiac College
- Southern Connecticut State University
- Saint Joseph College
- University of Connecticut
- University of Hartford

The University of Hartford

CONFERENCES SPONSORS

Special thanks to the members of the conference planning committee:

Hartford Hospital
- Janice Bartie, RN, MSN
- Dawn Beland, RN, MSN
- Cindy Belonic
- AFPRN, Pamela Burris, RN, MSN
- Laura Caramanica, RN, PhD
- Janice Lamb, RN, MSN
- Joan MacRae, RNC, MS
- Peg Moyhnan, RN, MS
- Amy Schroder, RN, MSN
- Lynn Satherlie, RN, MPH

Connecticut Children's Medical Center
- Sally Strange, RN, MSN

UCONN Health Center
- Ann Cinotti, RN, MSN

Middlesex Hospital
- Kathleen Stolzenberger, RN, MS

MidState Medical Center
- Cindy Russo, MS, RN, CNA

New Britain General Hospital
- Arlene Morin, RN, MS

Capital Community College
- Joanne Anfinson, RN, PhD

Central Connecticut State University
- Mary Jane Williams, RN, PhD

Quinnipiac College
- Anne Durkin, RN, PhD

Southern Connecticut State University
- Barbara Aronson, RN, MSN

Saint Joseph College
- Virginia Knowlden, RN, PhD

University of Connecticut
- Deborah Dillon McDonald, RN, PhD

University of Hartford
- Karen Breda, RN, PhD
- Mary Beth Mathews, RN, PhD

PARKING & TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

Parking

Parking is available in the public Parking Garage located opposite the hospital. Please enter the garage via Washington Street or Seymour Street entrances. Car-pooling is encouraged.

Travel Directions

West: Enter city via I-91. Take Capitol Ave Exit. At light, take left onto Capitol Ave, right onto Washington Street, through four traffic lights. Just past 4th light (Jefferson Street), on the left, is entrance to the Medical Building & Public Parking Garage.

East: Take downtown Hartford Exit, left onto Columbus Blvd. to Wyllys St. through three lights onto Jefferson St. At 2nd light, take left onto Seymour St. Entrance to Public Parking Garage is on right side of the street, just behind the Medical Building.

North/South: Use I-91 to Capitol Area Exit (28A), under Hartford Public Library (short tunnel), and ¾ 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 the Medical Building.

CONFERENCE SITE

Conference is being held in the Education & Resource Center, 560 Hudson Street. Building is located on block NE of the Parking Garage.
PROGRAM SCHEDULE

7:15 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 & Introduction of
Keynote Speaker
Laura Caramanica, RN, PhD
Vice President, Nursing, Hartford Hospital

8:15 AM  Keynote Address: Improving Care at the End of Life
Dr. Betty R. Ferrell, PhD, FAAN

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

9:45 AM  A) Concurrent Abstract Presentations
Growing Up in Pieces: Adolescents with
Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD)
Transitioning into Adulthood
Geraldine Pearson, RN, CS, PhD, CNS
Riverview Hospital for Children and Youth;
Clinical Faculty, UConn School of Nursing
ERC Room 216

Lived Experience of Nausea in Persons with AIDS
Elizabeth Anderson, PhD, APRN, Asst. Professor
UConn School of Nursing & Margaret Spencer
MS, APRN, Trinity Hill Care Center, Hartford, CT
ERC Room 216

Common Experiences Reported by
Hospitalized Patients
Karen Kenstrome, RN, BS
Nicole Adams, RN, BS
Tara Bernet, RN, BS
UConn School of Nursing
ERC Room 221

Postoperative Pain Communication Skills for Elders
Deborah McDonald, RN, PhD, Assoc. Professor
UConn School of Nursing
ERC Room 221

B) Skill Building Presentations:
1 Searching the Research Literature
Arlene Freed, MLS, Senior Librarian
Ellen MacNaughton, MLS, Medical Librarian
Health Science Libraries, Hartford Hospital
Room: In the Robinson Library

2 Statistics: What Do You Need to Know
Rose Malajian, RN, MBA
Director of Outcomes Research and Evaluation
Ilene Staff, PhD, Senior Scientist
Institute for Outcomes Research and Evaluation
ERC Room 218

C) Qualitative Research Roundtable A
A) Ethnography
Barbara Bennett Jacobe
RN, MPH, MS
Georgetown University

AND
Focus Groups
Dale Chiffer, RN, MSN
Charlotte Steniger, RN, BSN
Room: Heublein Hall

11:00 AM  A) Concurrent Abstract Presentations
The Effect of a Psychiatric Diagnosis on Health Care
for Non-psychiatric Problems
Beka Apostolidis, RN, BS, Hartford Hospital
Brenda Armstrong, RN, BS, John Dempsey Hospital
Dawn Bernardi, APRN, MS, John Dempsey Hospital
Michael Frakes, RN, BA, BSN, Hartford Hospital
Steven Goldblatt, RN, MA
ERC Room 216

National Survey of Hospital Discharge Instructions
for Mothers and Infants
Olga Jarrin, RN, BSN
Visiting Nurses & Health Services of Connecticut, Inc.
ERC Room 216

Validating Math Competency for Medication
Administration in Schools of Nursing in
the United States
Lynn Allchin, RN, PhD, Assist. Professor
UConn School of Nursing, Storrs, CT
ERC Room 218

Acquired Mathematics Competencies of
Beginning Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Students
in the Northeastern Region of the Continental
United States
Daryle L. Brown, Ed.D, RN, Assist. Professor of Nursing,
Frostburg State University, Pleasantville, NY
ERC Room 218

Covert Bias in Evaluation of Associate Degree
Nursing Students’ Clinical Performance
Joanne Anfinson, PhD, CS, RN, Professor
Capital Community College, Hartford, CT
ERC Room 215

B) Skill Building Presentations:
1 Searching the Research Literature
Arlene Freed, MLS, Senior Librarian
Ellen MacNaughton, MLS, Medical Librarian
Health Science Libraries, Hartford Hospital
Room: In the Robinson Library

C) Qualitative Research Roundtable B
B) Phenomenology
Laura Mulka
MS, APRN, BC, OCN
New Britain General Hospital
AND
Metasynthesis
Joyce Fontana, RN, MSN
Saint Joseph College
Room: Heublein Hall

12:30 PM  Buffet Luncheon/Poster Awards
Heublein Hall and Informal Lounge

1:15 PM  Plenary Address
Health Care Relationships: The New Frontier
Sally S. Cohen, RN, PhD, FAAN

2:15-2:30 PM Summary, Evaluation, Book Giveaways
Keynote Speaker:

Betty R. Ferrell, PhD, FAAN has been in oncology nursing for 23 years and has focused her clinical expertise and research in pain management, quality of life, and end of life care. Dr. Ferrell is a Research Scientist at the City of Hope National Medical Center, Duarte, CA. She received the Oncology Nursing Society Distinguished Nurse Researcher Award in 1996. In 1997 she received the National Clinical Research Award from the Association of Community Cancer Centers. Dr. Ferrell is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and she has over 200 publications in peer reviewed journals and texts, including 4 books—Cancer Pain Management (1995), Suffering (1995), Pain in the Elderly (1996) and a new book, the Textbook of Palliative Nursing Care (2001).

Plenary Speaker

Sally S. Cohen, RN, PhD, FAAN is Associate Professor and Director, Center for Health Policy and Ethics, at Yale University School of Nursing. She is also Director of the Program for the Study of Health Care Relationships, sponsored by the Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation.

Dr. Cohen’s scholarship focuses on the linkages among practice, policy, and research, the arrangements between advanced practice nursing and managed care organizations, and the burgeoning area of health care relationships. She is recipient of several awards for her scholarship. Her recently published book, Championing Child Care, analyzes 30 years of national child care policymaking.

**Acknowledgements**

Educational grants provided by:

Purdue Pharmaceutical L.P. and Johnson & Johnson

*Book display and donation of research textbooks for raffle provided courtesy of Anthony Cantore, Elsevier Science
Research Utilization of RN’s in US Army Hospitals
Deborah J. Kenny, RN, EdM, MSN
LTC, U.S. Army Nurse Corps

Development of the Short-term Antibiotic Scale: Qualitative Study for Item Generation
Barbara Aronson, MSN, CS
Assistant Professor, Southern CT State University
New Haven, CT

What Would it Mean to Owners to have Their Pet(s) Visit in the Hospital: A Qualitative Study
Lynn Allchin, RN, PhD, Assistant Professor, UCONN School of Nursing, Storrs, CT
Laura Scarpa, GN, Lawrence & Memorial Hospital

Comfort Levels of Nursing Students and Faculty Regarding Clinical Assignment to a Patient with AIDS
Anne Durkin, PhD, RN, BC, Assistant Professor
Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT

Negotiating Health Care with a Managed Care Corporation when Benefits have been Denied
Carol G. Williams, D.N. Sc., RN
Associate Professor, Central CT State University
New Britain, CT
Judith Pollmann, PhD, RN

Evaluation of a Volunteer Program for Frail Hospitalized Elders
Christine M. Waszynski, RNC, MS, APRN
Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT

Self-medication Practices in Patients Taking Levo-thyroxine
Ruth Michel, Undergraduate Honors Scholar
Patricia Neafsey, PhD, RD, Associate Professor
University of CT School of Nursing, Storrs, CT

A Comprehensive Model-Education and Health Care Delivery (CM-EHCD)
Carole Mensing, RN, MA, CDE, Clinical Nurse Specialist
UCONN Medical Center, Farmington, CT

Care Map Interventions Versus Traditional Home Care Visits for Managed Care and Medicare Clients with CHF
Carol G. Williams, D.N. Sc., RN
Associate Professor, Central CT State University,
New Britain, CT
Mary Thompson

Strengthening Shared Governance: A Baseline Study of RN Perceptions of the Distribution of Authority
Kathleen Stolzenberger, RN, MS
Director of Program Development
Karen Levine, MSN, RN, Director
Pregnancy & Birth Center
Middlesex Hospital, Middletown, CT