Hartford Hospital is the founding member of the Capitol Area Alliance for Nursing Research and Research Utilization, a collaborative initiative of eleven hospitals and universities that joined together 10 years ago to promote and improve the health of individuals and communities by supporting evidence-based nursing practice (www.harthosp.org/nursing/research).

Alliance Activities that support this mission include Fall/Spring Research Roundtables, Author Talks and an annual Research Conference. Research Roundtables bring up-to-date scientific evidence to clinical practice problems or needs in addition to assisting nurses and student nurses in skill development for research or research utilization. Author Talks provide opportunities for Alliance members who have published to share their work and to encourage other nurses and nursing students to consider publishing themselves as a means to disseminating knowledge. The annual Research Conference held each Fall hosts over 300 participants who have the opportunity to improve their research skills through skill building tracks and/or learn about research studies that have been conducted locally and nationally.

Spring Research Roundtable 2003
Weaning Sedation in Critically Ill Patients

Fall Research Roundtable 2003
Pain Assessment in the Cognitively Impaired Patient

Author Talks 2003
Developing a Nursing Corporate Compliance Plan, Janice Cousino RN, MSN

2003 Nursing Research Conference Award Recipients


Award for Research Utilization: Laura Caramanica, R.N., Ph.D., Denise Bourassa, R.N., B.S., award Recipient, and Joan MacRae, R.N.C., M.S.

Nurse Research Award for Excellence in Nursing Research Conduct: went to Nurse Managers (right to left) Susanne Yeakel, M.S.N., R.N., and Anne McNeil, R.N., B.S.N., pictured here with Laura Caramanica, R.N., Ph.D., V.P. Nursing at Hartford Hospital.
Smoking Cessation in Pregnancy, Carolyn Malchodi RN, MSN

Hemo-dialysis Associated Primary Bloodstream Infections, Sue Malo-Schlegel RN, MSN

The Effect of a Psychiatric Diagnosis on Nursing Care of Non-Psychiatric Problems, Beka Apostolidis RN

Wound Care Secrets Revealed: Writing a Textbook, Lisa Corbett RN, MSN

Building an Award Winning Women’s Ambulatory Service and Beyond, Susan Maxwell RN, MBA, Jack Green MD & Lisa Allen Ph.D.

Leadership: The Clinical Nurse Leader One Hospital’s Experience, Joanne Roy RN, Ph.D.

2003 Annual Research Conference: Prevention of Infectious Disease: The Public Health Nurse in All of Us How Clean Should We Be? Elaine Larson, RN, Ph.D. FAAN, CIC

Florence Nightingale and the Origins of Home Health Care
Marylouise Welch RN, Ph.D.

Active Projects

Apostolidis, Beka R.N.
The Effect of Structured Inpatient Education on Short Term Knowledge and Symptoms Among Congestive Heart Failure Patients.

Bohannon, Richard Ed.D.
Nurse Caring Behaviors: The Impact of a Staff Educational Program on Improving Patient Caring Behavior and Satisfaction Scores.

Bravata, Dawn R.N.
Quality Evaluation in Stroke and TIA (QUEST) Project.

Burris, Pamela RN
The Use of a Depression Screening Scale to Improve the Detection of Postpartum Depression in Women Receiving Care in an Urban Ambulatory Healthcare Setting. Hartford Hospital Research Endowment Funds, $10,375.

Fishman, Seja A.P.R.N.
LESBIANS and AIDS: Survey of Community Attitudes, Knowledge and Practices.

Freund, Jennifer R.N.
Bispectral Index Monitoring in the Neurosurgical Patient. Hartford Hospital Research Endowment Funds, $3,125.

Reardon, Jane R.N.
The Northeast Pulmonary Rehabilitation Consortium Health Care Utilization Study.

Vecchiario, Pamela R.N.
Predicting Outcomes of Patients Admitted with Community Acquired Pneumonia. Abbott Laboratories, $9,290.

Waszynski, Christine A.P.R.N.
Evaluation of a Volunteer Program for Frail Hospitalized Elders.

Yavinsky, Cathy M.S.N.
The Effect of a Specialized RN Intervention Designed to Maximize Patient-Provider Relationships on Adherence to Anti-depressant Medication. Donaghue Medical Research Foundation, $48,350.

Publications


