the 16th Annual Evidence Based Practice Conference

Outcome-Focused Innovations

Friday, October 5, 2012
7:15AM – 2:30PM

Presented by
The Institute for Health Care Education and Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance
The 16th Annual Evidence Based Practice Conference: Outcome-Focused Innovations is presented by the Institute of Health Care Education and Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance. The keynote address will be delivered by Kathleen R. Stevenson, EdD, RN, FAAN, Professor of Nursing, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA).

The morning session includes your choice of concurrent abstract presentations or skill building sessions. Poster and research awards and lunch will be followed by the plenary address given by Pepper Sobieski, RN, BSN, CPHQ, Director of Quality, Hartford HealthCare.

Keynote Speaker

Kathleen R. Stevenson, EdD, RN, FAAN

is a Professor of Nursing at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) and Founding Director of the Academic Center for Evidence-Based Practice (ACE), a UTHSCSA School of Nursing Center of Excellence where she leads efforts to advance evidence-based quality improvement through research, education and practice. Her positions also include PI and Director, Improvement Science Research Network, an improvement science national laboratory; professor of family nursing, graduate and doctoral teaching.

Throughout her career as a nurse, Dr. Stevenson unwavering desire was to build bridges between education, research and practice for excellence. Dr. Stevenson has been a nurse scientist, educator, and innovator since 1973. This long-standing devotion to research application has positioned her as one of today’s top experts in evidence-based quality improvement.

Her national leadership in nursing reflects this passion for bridging research and practice through education. Dr. Stevenson’s contributions to nursing are expressed through her service as an officer of the Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Board of Directors, co-developer of the international electronic library, and editor of the Online Journal of Knowledge Synthesis for Nursing, carving out a unique niche for evidence-based nursing. Her work as an officer on the National League for Nursing Board of Governors advanced the program of nursing education research.

Her expertise is widely sought after: She is called upon frequently to provide consultation, workshops, and services in academic and clinical settings, where EBP is being implemented. She co-developed and currently serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Innovations Exchange, and provides leadership to the Department of Defense Technical Advisory Panel on Healthcare Team Performance. She served on the IOM Expert Panel for the 2006 report, Preventing Medication Errors.

Her contributions have been recognized with honors and awards. These include invitational conferences and visiting professorships. She is the 2011-13 Episteme Laureate for Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, the highest research honor bestowed in nursing. In 2012, she was inducted into the International Nursing Research Hall of Fame at the STTI. She received the Great 100 Distinguished Alumni award from Texas Womans University. Her peers awarded her the Faculty Recognition Award for Scholarship in Teaching and the Distinguished International Leadership Award and Image Maker Award from Delta Alpha Chapter of STTI. Students selected her to receive the Outstanding Nurse Faculty Member Award. She has received Excellence in Research Awards from three organizations, including the National League for Nursing award for Excellence in Nursing Education Research. In recognition of the impact of her achievements on the profession of nursing, she was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in 1999.

In her current role as Director of the Academic Center of Evidence-Based Practice (ACE), Dr. Stevenson is leading the nation in the advancement of evidence-based quality improvement. She initiated the federally-funded Summer Institutes on Evidence-Based Quality Improvement. Her center of excellence is visited by international scholars. She guides this center in supporting the missions of research, education, professional development, and service in her community and nationally. The most recent addition to ACE is the establishment of the national collaboratory for improvement research, the Improvement Science Research Network, a $3.1 million initiative that established this virtual research collaboratory for conducting improvement research to transform healthcare.
Plenary Speaker

Pepper Sobieski, RN, BSN, CPHQ is the Director of Quality at Hartford HealthCare.

In this role, Pepper is responsible for the hospital system in planning, developing and executing strategies for quality and patient safety, clinical process improvement, clinical performance measurement and knowledge management initiatives throughout Hartford HealthCare.

Pepper is a 15-year veteran of Hartford Hospital who, for the last six years, has been dedicated to quality management and, most recently, was Director of Quality for Hartford Hospital. She is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ), a member of National and Connecticut Association for Healthcare Quality.

In her long clinical career, Pepper has worked throughout the care continuum. She has managed hospital inpatient units, Ambulatory Care, Infection Control, Bed Management, Care Continuum, Community Case Management and Quality. Pepper began her career with a strong focus in Pediatrics and a 12-year career at Newington Children’s Hospital. Pepper has been a quality liaison to a skilled nursing facility, a hospital facilitator and an insurance care manager. In her work, she has focused on departmental development in the start up of Case Coordination departments in two facilities and was part of a team that developed and coordinated a community case management program for high-risk managed Medicare patients.

The Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance is comprised of twenty colleges, universities and acute care institutions throughout Connecticut. The Alliance seeks to provide a network of support for nurses and nursing students in evidence-based practice activities including nursing research and research utilization. The mission of this Alliance is to promote and improve the health of individuals and communities by supporting evidence-based practice through collaborative efforts.

Alliance member organizations include: Bristol Hospital, Capitol Community College, Central Connecticut State University, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, Eastern Connecticut Health Network, Hartford Hospital, The Hospital of Central Connecticut, Hospital of Saint Raphael, Hospital for Special Care, MidState Medical Center, Quinnipiac University, Saint Joseph College, Southern Connecticut State University, University of Connecticut, University of Hartford, William Backus Hospital, Windham Hospital, Saint Francis Hospital and Yale University.

Program Schedule

7:15 – 8:00 AM  Registration Coffee & Danish
Heublein Hall, ERC Lobby

8:00 AM  Welcome (Heublein Hall)
Cheryl Ficara, RN, MSN
Vice President, Patient Care Services, Hartford Hospital

8:15 AM  Keynote Address
Evidence Based Practice at the Point of Care
Kathleen R. Stevenson, EdD, RN, FAAN

9:30 AM  Coffee Break
Heublein Hall
Poster Exhibit Viewing – Formal Lounge
Vendor Exhibits – ERC Lobby

10:00 AM  Skill Building Presentations:

Presentation A
Stats for Staff
Michelle Godin, RN, EDD, RN-BC, NE-BC
Saint Mary Hospital

Presentation B
You Can Have It All!: Organize Your Professional Life with a Personal Homepage
Wendy Urciuoli, MLS
Health Science Librarian
MidState Medical Center

Presentation C
Writing Out on the Cloud
Lisa Carter, MSLIS
Clinical Librarian
Hartford Hospital

Concurrent Abstract Presentations:

Presentation D
End of Life and Bereavement Care Survey for the Neonatal Healthcare Team
Janet Parkosewich, DNSc, RN, FAHA
Yale-New Haven Hospital

Presentation E
Improving Peripheral Intravenous Insertion Practices in the Adult Inpatient Population
Heather Studley, MSN, RN-BC
Yale-New Haven Hospital

Far From Zero: Measuring Actual Pressure Ulcer Occurrence in Acute Care
Lisa Corbett, APRN, CWOCN
Hartford Hospital
**Program Schedule (continued)***

**11:15 AM**

**Skill Building Presentations:**

**Presentation F**  
What’s the Burning Question?  
Joanne Roy, RN, PhD  
Director of Clinical Professional Development  
MidState Medical Center

**Presentation G**  
Metasynthesis Symposium:  
Generating New Insights from Qualitative Studies  
Mary Ann Cordeau, PhD, RN  
Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Quinnipiac University

**Presentation H**  
Commissioned by God:  
the Birth of American Nursing During the Civil War  
Joyce Fontana, PhD, RN  
University of Saint Joseph

**Concurrent Abstract Presentations:**

**Presentation I**  
A Strategy to Decrease Heart Failure Readmissions: Improving Nurse Knowledge  
Maureen G. Roussel, DNP, APRN, CGRN, CCNS  
Fairfield University  
paired with  
What Do Nurses Want? Making Safety Data Meaningful  
Valerie Neary, RN, MSN  
Hartford Hospital

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**Program Schedule (continued)**

**12:15 – 12:30 PM**  
Poster and Research awards

**12:30 PM**  
Luncheon (Heublein Hall)

**1:15 PM**  
Plenary Address:  
Muddling through the Maze of Metrics  
Pepper Sobieski, RN, BSN, CPHQ  
Director of Quality  
Hartford HealthCare

**2:15 PM**  
Conference Wrap Up  
Summary, Evaluation and Raffle

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**Contact Hours**

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

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Registration

The conference is limited to the first 240 registrants.

Registration Deadline: September 28, 2012

You may register online at [www.harthosp.org/NursingResearchConference](http://www.harthosp.org/NursingResearchConference) or by calling 860.545.1888.

Fee includes morning refreshments, luncheon and off-site parking.

$25.00  Students (full & part time)

$45.00 Hartford HealthCare Employees* and Employees of CT Nursing Research Alliance Organizations (see listing page 1)

$65.00 Non HHC and Non-Alliance

Additional copies of the conference brochure may be downloaded at: [www.ctnursingresearchalliance.org](http://www.ctnursingresearchalliance.org)

*HHC Employees: Eastern Rehabilitation Network, Hartford Hospital, Hartford Medical Group, The Hospital of Central Connecticut, Jefferson House, MidState Medical Center, Natchaug Hospital, Rushford, VNA Healthcare, Windham Hospital

Parking & Travel Directions

Conference location: The conference will be held at Hartford Hospital’s Education and Resource Center (ERC), 560 Hudson Street.

Free, secure, off-site parking at ProPark America, 94 Hudson Street, Hartford. Please allow extra travel time for shuttle to conference site. We ask that you avoid parking in the hospital’s public garage so that patients and families are not displaced. Parkers who use the public garage will do so at their own expense.

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From I-84 West

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From I-84 East

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Poster Presentations

Teaching Compassion Skills in a Graduate Nurse Residency Program
Cynthia Belonick, APRC-BC
Ginger Goddu, RN, MSN
Mary Kate Eaniello, RN, MSN
Tara McLaughlin, PhD
Hartford Hospital and the Institute of Living

Screening for Staphlococcus Aureus in Patients Scheduled for Spine Surgery: Is it Cost Effective?
Anne Moore, DNP
Shirvinda Wijesekera, MD
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Enhancing Diversity of the Nursing Workforce: A Work in Progress
E. Carol Polifroni, EdD, CNE, NEA-BC, RN
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Timing of Blood Pressure Measurements in a Primary Care Clinic
Staci McNeil, BSN, RN, CNIII
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Barbara Phelan, DNSc, RN
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What Makes a Nurse’s Day Extraordinary?
Francine Leach, RN, MSN, CCM
Kerry Yeager, RN, BSN, RN-BC
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Enteral Feeding in the PICU: Factors Associated with Failure to Meet Nutritional Goals
Amanda Watkins, RN, BSN, CLC, CCRN
Mary Ann Brus, RN, BSN, MSN, CCRN
Christopher Carroll, MD, MS
Connecticut Children’s Medical Center

An Advanced Practice Nurse-Led Oncology Journal Club to Promote Research Dissemination
Marianne Davies, MSN, CNS-BC, ACNP-BC, AOCNP-BC
Monica Fradkin, RN, MPH, OCN
Elizabeth Blasiak, RN, MSN, OCN
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From Clinical Trials to Commercial Use: New Oncology Drugs and the Oncology Nurse Coordinator Role in a Clinical Setting
Eileen Dehm, RN, BSN
Matthew Burke, MBA, RN, MSN, APRN-BC
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Comparison of Point of Care and Laboratory Analysis Methods for Testing Urine in Pediatric Oncology Patients
Janet Parkosewich, DNSc, RN, FAHA
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Ventilator Bundle Effectively Decreases Ventilator Associated Pneumonia Rates in the Neurosurgical-Trauma ICU Patients
Michelle Stevens, BSN, RN, EMT-B
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The Assessment and Early Identification of Overweight Children in Primary Care
Kimberly Joerg, DNP, APRN, PNP-BC, IBCLC
Saint Joseph College
Collaborative Testing and Clinical Simulations: An Innovative Approach to Increasing Nursing Student Competency in the Simulation Lab Setting
Erica Mumm, MSN, RN
Helen Brooks, RN, MSN Ed
Northwestern Connecticut Community College

Dexamethasone Administration and the Effect on Post-Operative Nausea and Vomiting in the Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy Patients
Donna McKeehan, RN, CAPA
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Improving Patient Outcomes Through Implementation of Bedside Reporting
Jessica Lagassey, BSN, RN
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The Power of Journals to Influence Nurse Leadership Development: A Mixed Methods Study
Lee Galuska, RN, MSN, NE-BC
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