

Nurses Participating in Research

Laura Caramanica, R.N., Ph.D. Vice President, Nursing

2003 Nursing Research Conference

Prevention of Infectious Diseases:
The Public Health Nurse in All of Us

Keynote Speaker, Dr. Elaine Larson, Professor of Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Research, Columbia University School of Nursing presented, "How Clean Do You Have to Be?"



Dr. Marylouise Welch, St. Joseph's College, presented on Florence Nightingale and Origins of Home Healthcare.



Florence Nightingale Exhibit was shared by Nurse Historians Dr. Eleanor Herman (right) and Christina Beaudoin, A.P.R.N.



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

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

2003 Nursing Research Conference Award Recipients

Poster Winners (left to right): Mary Murphy, R.N., M.S.N., C.N.R.N., Nurse Educator (2nd place), Vicie Brooks, R.N., Barbara Aronson, R.N., M.S.N. (2nd place), Lisa Viviano (2nd place), Celeste Yanni, R.N., B.S., M.A.Ed. M.A. Soc., M.Phil. (Soc), Ph.D. Candidate, (3rd place) Joanne Roy R.N., Ph.D., (1st Place). Missing from photos: Dawn Beland, R.N., M.S.N., C.C.R.N., C.S., C.N.R.N. (2nd Place).



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 Apostolides RN

Wound Care Secrets Revealed: Writ-
ing a Textbook, Lisa Corbett RN,
MSN

Building an Award Winning Women's
Ambulatory Service and Beyond, Su-
san Maxwell RN, MBA, Jack Green
MD & Lisa
Allen Ph.D.

Leadership: The Clinical Nurse Lead-
er One Hospital's Experience, Joanne
Roy RN, Ph.D.

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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 Improv-
ing 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 Set-
ting. *Hartford Hospital Research Endowment Funds, \$10,375.*

Fishman, Seja A.P.R.N.

LESBIANS and AIDS: Survey of Community Attitudes, Knowledge and Prac-
tices.

Freund, Jennifer R.N.

Bispectral Index Monitoring in the Neurosurgical Patient. *Hartford Hospital Re-
search Endowment Funds, \$3,125.*

Reardon, Jane R.N.

The Northeast Pulmonary Rehabilitation Consortium Health Care Utilization
Study.

Vecchiarino, Pamela R.N.

Predicting Outcomes of Patients Admitted with Community Acquired Pneumo-
nia. *Abbott Laboratories, \$9,290.*

Waszynski, Christine A.P.R.N.

Evaluation of a Volunteer Program for Frail Hospitalized Elders.

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Yale University

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Hartford VNA Healthcare

Tracy Wodath, BSN

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

Goethe J, Maljanian R, Wolf S, Hernandez P, Cabrera Y. The Impact of Depressive
Symptoms on the Functional Status of Inner-city Patients with Asthma. *Annals of
Asthma, Allergy, and Immunology.* 87:205-210, 2001.

Houle N, Bohannon R, Staff I, Cruzmarino de Aponte M. Improving Care of
Diabetic Patients through a Collaborative Care Model. *Connecticut Medicine.*
January 2002.

Maljanian R, Grey, N, Staff I, Cruz-Aponte A. Improved Diabetes Control
through a Provider-based Disease Management Program. *Disease Management &
Health Outcomes.* 10(1):1-8, 2002.

Maljanian R, Caramanica L, Taylor S, MacRae J, Beland D. Evidence Based Nurs-
ing Practice, Part 2: Building Skills through Research Roundtables. *The Journal of
Nursing Administration.* February 2002.