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The Tenth Annual Nursing Research Conference “Caring for Our Patients and Ourselves”



Veda Andrus EdD, MSN, RN, HN-BC, Keynote Speaker address: “Caring for Ourselves: Enhancing the Therapeutic Partnership within Nursing Practice.”



Maggie McKivergin RN, MSN, CNS, HNC, Plenary Speaker address: “Caring for our Patients and Ourselves: Complementary Modalities.”

On Tuesday, October 3, 2006, the Institute for Healthcare Education and the Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance held its 10th Annual Conference. This year’s conference with over 250 nurses and nursing students from across the state featured a conference theme: *Caring for Our Patients and Ourselves*. In addition to the keynote and plenary speakers, conference participants attended skill building sessions on Evaluating the Strength of Research by Sheryl Horowitz-Kiefer PhD, Interpreting Meta-Analysis by Regina Cusson PhD, Translating Evidence Into Practice by Joanne Roy PhD and the Forces of Magnet by E. Carol Polifroni EdD. A variety of oral abstract presentations were given and ten research posters were presented.

Poster Awards were given to three recipients. First Place: *A Collaborative VAP Prevention Project in ICU: From Infection Control CQI to Research* by Barbara Stone and MaryLee Oleksiw from Midstate Medical Center. Second Place: *Sometimes Kids Don’t Feel Great... Can a Lollipop Make ‘Em Better?* by Kathleen Culliton and Janet DeFrancesco from CCMC. Third Place: *Prospective Evaluation of Pelvic Floor Symptoms in Women Undergoing*

Conservative Treatment for Pelvic Organ Prolapse by Colleen Mellen et al.

The Excellence in Nursing Research Award was presented to the Nursing Staff of North 12 and Bliss 8 for the exemplary role played in the study on *Practicing Out Loud and the Role of Nursing* conducted at Hartford Hospital this year. The Excellence in Research Utilization Award was presented to Paula Rocha RN, CNP for her involvement in the implementation of a hospital-wide evidence-based quality improvement initiative to achieve ‘tight glycemic control’ for patients with diabetes.

Decorating by Carol Albert and her staff at Buds n’ Bloom was outstanding. Food service provided by Wayne Oden and his staff from Hartford Hospital’s Food & Nutrition was the best!!

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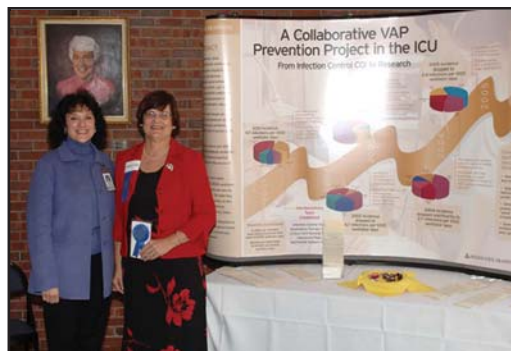
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First Place: A Collaborative VAP Prevention Project in ICU: from Infection Control CQI to Research. Barbara Stone BSN, RN, PCCN, CCRN (pictured with Laura Caramanica RN, PhD.) and MaryLee Oleksiw BSN, RN, CIC

Second Place: Sometimes Kids Don't Feel Great...Can a Lollipop Make 'em Better? Left to right: Laura Caramanica RN, PhD., Kathleen Culliton RN, BSN, C-PON and Janet De Francesco RN, MSN, C-PON



Third Place: Prospective Evaluation of Pelvic Floor Symptoms in Women Undergoing Conservative Treatment for Pelvic Organ Prolapse. Left to right: Laura Caramanica RN, PhD, Colleen Mellen CNS, MS, APRN

Research Award Winners: Left to right: Bliss 8 staff Claire Quaggin RN and Jackie Dietrich RN, Elissa Ford RN, BSN and two North 12 staff members Cynthia McGarvey RN, BSN (holding plaque) and Lilibeth Warner RN and Laura Caramanica RN, PhD. (far right).



2006 Excellence in Research Utilization Award was presented to Paula Rocha RN, CNP (left) standing with Laura Caramanica RN, PhD.



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