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Annual Evidence  
Based Practice Conference

Revolutionizing Nursing Practice Through Education

Hartford  
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Friday, October 4, 2013

7:15AM – 2:30PM

**Presented by:**

*The Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance*

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# Program Schedule

**7:15 AM Registration Coffee & Danish**  
Heublein Hall, ERC Lobby

**7:30-8 AM Poster Exhibit Viewing**

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

**8:15 AM Keynote Address**  
**Advancing Nursing Through Education: Connecticut's Journey**  
Linda M. Perfetto, MS, RN, CNE, CNOR

**9:30 AM Coffee Break (Heublein Hall)**  
**Poster Exhibit Viewing- Formal Lounge, ERC 123**  
Vendor Exhibits – ERC Lobby

**10 AM Presentation A - ERC 216**  
Curriculum Revisions: Lessons Learned  
**Mary Ann Cordeau, PhD, RN**  
Quinnipiac University

**Presentation B - ERC 221**  
Simulation Education: Setting Standards in Both the University and Acute Care Settings  
**Desiree Diaz, PhD, RN-BC, CNE, CHSE**  
University of Connecticut, School of Nursing  
**Liza Nowicki, RN, MSN**  
Hartford Hospital

**Presentation C - ERC 108**  
Mendeley, A Reference Manager  
**Lisa Carter, MSLIS**  
Clinical Librarian, Hartford Hospital

**Presentation D - Heublein Hall**  
Evidence Based Practice Staff Nurse Champs  
**Janet Parkosewich, DNSc, RN**  
Yale New Haven Hospital  
*paired with*  
Unit Based Journal Clubs  
**Marianne Davies, APRN**  
Yale New Haven Hospital

**Presentation E - ERC 218**  
Implementing a Video Surveillance Monitoring System to Enhancing Fall Prevention Strategies  
**Priscilla P. Sterne, DNP, RNC**  
Greenwich Hospital/Yale New Haven Health System

*paired with*  
Effect of Personal Relevance on Inpatient Falls  
**Kaitlyn Reed, BS & Catherine Reilly, BS**  
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center

**Presentation F - Informal Lounge**  
Social Isolation in Older Adults: A Theory Synthesis  
**Nicholas R. Nicholson Jr., PhD, MPH, RN, PHGNS-BC & Robin Whittemore, PhD, APRN, FAAN**  
Quinnipiac University  
*paired with*

Eliminating Central Line Blood Stream Infections on a Sickle Cell Specialty Unit  
**Sean Boyle, BS, RN, BSN**  
Yale New Haven Hospital

**11:15 AM Skill Building Presentations:**  
**Presentation G - ERC 108**  
Mendeley, A Reference Manager  
**Lisa Carter, MSLIS**  
Clinical Librarian, Hartford Hospital

**Presentation H - Heublein Hall**  
Literature in Medicine  
**Lynn Faria**  
Director, Community Relations  
Midstate Medical Center

**Concurrent Abstract Presentations:**  
**Presentation I - ERC 218**  
Improving the patient Experience Through Post Discharge Phone Calls  
**Susanne Yeakel, RN, MSN, NEA-BC, CNML & Kathy Green, RN, BSN**  
Hartford Hospital

The Perceptions of Adult Hospitalized Patients Regarding Family Presence During Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation  
**Carolyn Bradley, MSN, RN, CCRN**  
Yale New Haven Hospital

**Presentation J - ERC 216**  
Clinical Leadership Skills Acquisition in Nurse Residents  
**Susan Pettorini-D'Amico, RN, DNP**  
Yale New Haven Hospital

*paired with*  
Ambulating Patients with Pulmonary Artery Catheters who are Awaiting Heart Transplant  
**Joanna White, BSN, RN, CCRN-CMC**  
Heart and Vascular Center, Yale New Haven Hospital

**Presentation K - ERC 221**  
Development of a Simulation-Enhanced Medical-Surgical Nursing Orientation Boot Camp  
**Heather Cherry, MSN, RN-BC**  
Yale New Haven Hospital

*paired with*  
Navigation of the Major Treatment Room: A Look at Performance Improvement  
**William Kean, BE, RN, CPEN**  
Yale New Haven Hospital

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

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

**1:15 PM Plenary Address:**  
Advancing Nursing Through Education: Diversity, Disparities and Determinants for Health  
**E. Carol Polifroni, EdD, CNE, NEA-BC, RN, ANEF**

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

**Skill Building Presentations:**

**Concurrent Abstract Presentations:**

## Contact Hours

Contact Hours will be awarded to participants who attend the Keynote and Plenary presentations. Certificates of attendance will be provided for individuals attending the entire conference.

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## Poster Presentations

### Implementing an Enclosure Bed: Safety and Savings - Phase II

Jessica Cruz, RN, BSN, MSN, CMSRN

Deirdre Doyle, RN, BSN, MSN, MHA

Kathleen Kenyon, RN, MSN

Carol Just, RN, MSN, NE-BC

Sharon Klein, RN, MPS, NE-BC

Carlos Lourenco – Director of Materials Management and Logistics

Jeffrey Blood, BS – Administrative Support Coordinator,

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### Preparing for Effective Patient Transitions:

#### A Collaborative Transitional Practicum

Joanne F. Roy, PhD, RN

Timothy Squires, MS, RN-BC

[Midstate Medical Center](#)

Pamela Forte, DNP, RN

Angela Carrano, DNP, RN

[Quinnipiac University](#)

### Pulling Patients from the Emergency Department

Danette Alexander, RN, MSN, NEA-BC

Mark Scalzi, RN, BSN, CEN, CCRN

Torrey Trzcinski, RN, BA, BSN, CEN

Yarelis Wilson, RN, BSN

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### TRUE Buddy Action Plan

Sarah Hickey, RN, BSN, BC

Ashley Hadden-Sanzo, RN, BSN, BC

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### Translation of Assessment into Electronic Documentation

Terry Ann Simmons MSN, RN, CCRN

[Hospital of Central Connecticut](#)

### The Institute of Living/Hartford Hospital's First Steps in Using Social Networking to Develop Critical Thinking Skills in Staff Nurses

Cathy Chance, RN, BS

Moira Chance, BS

Blaise Fernandez, RN

Marilyn Newman, RN

Steven Sklar, RN

Roberta Wood, RN

Cynthia Belonick, APRN, BC

Ellen Blair, APRN, NEW-BC

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### Transforming Safety, Communication and Efficiency:

#### The Huddle/Lunch Buddy Initiative

Heather Machado, RN, MS, Nursing Recruitment and Retention

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### Standardizing Post-Birth Recovery Care Using Evidence-Based Practice

Michele Romano, MS, RN, IBCLC

Patricia Beirne, Director Women and Children

Patricia Basciano, Nurse Manager, Maternity

Jeanne VanSciver, Nurse Manager, Labor & Delivery

Pam Bruschi, Clinical Coordinator, Mother/Baby

Claire Carter, Education Specialist

Debra Romaniello, Coordinator, Lactation Center

[Greenwich Hospital](#)

### A Peer Mentorship Program to Decrease Dating Violence and Bullying in Middle School

Deborah Gallagher, RN-BC, CPEN, SANE, CNIII

Kirsten Bechtel, MD

Alicia Genovese, LSW

Stacey Swart, School Psychologist

Susan Walsh, MD

[Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital](#)

### Engaging New Nurses in Quality Improvement: "The 60 Day Hire"

Heather Machado, RN, MS, Nursing Recruitment and Retention

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### The Impact of Pessary Use on Bowel Function: 1 Year Outcomes

C. Mellen, APRN

H. Brazell, MD

M. Patel, MD

D. O'Sullivan, PhD

C. LaSala, MD

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### The Cardiac ICU Quiet Initiative

Brenda Sarosario, RN, BSN, CN III

Noreen Gorero, RN, BSN, Patient Services Manager, CICU

Maria Batick, Business Associate, CICU

Julia Broughton, Business Associate, CICU

Jakar Taylor, Environmental Associate, CICU

Annette Avallone, RN, CCRN, CN III, CICU

Carla Mapelli, RN, BSN, CN III, CICU

Nancy P. Sivri, RN, BSN, CN III, CICU

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Marjorie Funk, PhD, RN, Professor, Co-Chair Nursing Research Committee/YNHH

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### Students' Perceptions of an Interprofessional Approach to Learning Through a Medical Error Disclosure Simulation Experience

Barbara Glynn, RN, DNP

[Quinnipiac University](#)

# Poster Presentations

## Feasibility and Usefulness of Screening for Inattention in Older Adults

Danette Alexander, RN MSN NEA-BC  
Christine Waszynski, RN, MSN, GNP-BC  
Cassandra Algier, RN  
Karen Angeli, RN  
Cydney Cardinal, RN  
Michele Dussol, RN  
Michelle Fillion, RN  
Lina Garcia-Pinzon, RN  
Juan Maldanodo, RN  
Monica Moquin, RN  
Anna Pietrowski, RN  
Jaime Seligman, RN  
Leah Smith, RN  
Amanda Sullivan, RN  
Christine Sutay, RN  
Jeffrey Temkin, RN  
Sarah Urso, RN  
Marissa Wnuk RN  
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## Improved Documentation and Communication for Shoulder Dystocia Events Using Simulation Drills

Maureen Revel, RNC, BSN  
Claire Carter, RNC, MSN, CPCE  
Jeanne VanSciver, RNC, CCE  
[Greenwich Hospital](#)

## Constructing a Cultural Boot-Camp for New Nurse Residents

Elizabeth Molle MS, RN  
[Middlesex Hospital](#)

## Psychometric Property testing: Decision Aid for Palliative Referral (DAPR)

Elizabeth Molle MS, RN  
Lauren Boule MSN, RN  
Anna Brock MSN, APRN, FNP-BC ACHPN  
Deena McCarthy BSN, RN-BC  
[Middlesex Hospital](#)

## CIWA: Do You See What I See?

Jennifer Cheshire, BSN, RN  
Kate Czaja, BSN, RN  
Kelsey Dewey BSN, RN  
Amy Krauth BSN, RN  
Danielle LaFleur BSN, RN  
Margaret LaPointe BSN, RN  
Elizabeth Molle, MS, RN  
Andrea Hammett MSN, RN  
[Middlesex Hospital](#)

## Implementing Best Practice to Prevent Hospital Acquired Pneumonia

Anna Fagan BSN, RN  
Jessica Brousseau BSN, RN  
Rebecca Reid BSN, RN  
Leah Goldberg BSN, RN  
Lynn Jansky MSN, RN  
Lauren Boule MSN, RN  
[Middlesex Hospital](#)

## Predicting Post-Operative Urinary Retention (POUR) in Total Joint Patients

Gail Mancuso, BS, RN-BC ONC  
Tracy Andrulat, BSN RN ONC  
Lynn Jansky, MSN RN  
Nancy Dennehy, MSN RN  
Grace Brady, APRN  
Edward Myer MD  
Kelly Nicholson, MSN, MPH, CNS, BC, RN, BC  
[Middlesex Hospital](#)

## The Name of the Game

Kerry Yeager, MSN, RN-BC  
[Bristol Hospital](#)

## Nurses' Knowledge in Heart Failure: Implications for Decreasing 30-Day Readmission Rates

Priscilla P. Sterne, DNP, RNC, NDNQI Site Coordinator  
J. Sue Migliardi, DNP, RN, Director of Performance Management  
Anne Swallow, DNP, RN, Director of Education  
[Greenwich Hospital](#)

## Evaluation of Nurse Candidates through Diagnostic Simulation

Lisa Silk, RN, MA  
Joanne DiBiasi, Manager of Recruitment  
Heejung Laird, Ed.D. Simulation Learning Consultant  
Angela Melwani, Senior HR Generalist  
Stephanie Sudikoff, MD, Director of Simulation  
Anne Swallow, RN, Director of Education  
[Greenwich Hospital/Yale New Haven Hospital System](#)

## The Nursing Management of Chest Tubes

Jaclyn Ellsworth, BSN, RN  
Audrey Liu BSN, RN  
Caroline Norton, BSN, RN  
Ashley Wells, BSN, RN  
Ann Dion MS, MBA, RN  
Janis Leird, BSN, MA, MLS  
[Middlesex Hospital](#)

## SWAT Nurses as a Resource to Bedside Nurses: Collaboration in Action

Gary H. Bouley, MS, RN  
[Yale New Haven Hospital](#)

## On the Road to Zero: Save Our Skin on Medicine Units 9-7 & 4-7

Deirdre Doyle, RN, MSN, MHA – Patient Service Manager 4-7 & 9-7  
Carolyn Haight, RN BSN – Asst Patient Service Manager 4-7  
Jessica Cruz, RN, MSN, CMSRN – Asst Patient Service Manager 9-7  
Jayne Ryzewski, RN, MSN CRRN, CNS  
Christina Cygan, RN, ADN  
Candace Jones, RN, BSN  
Lisa Falkenham, RN, BSN  
Lynne Hojnacki, RN, BSN  
Sharrie Hutt, RN  
Helena Keeney, RN, ADN  
Alexis Murphy, PCA  
Rajeeyah James, PCA  
Althea Silva, PC  
Daniel Brown, PCA  
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