Reflecting on the 15th Annual Research and Evidence-Based Practice Conference

By: Jane Hikichi, BSN, BA, RN-PCCN

Have you found yourself asking how we attain superior nursing outcomes or how we solve nursing problems? One way is by disseminating nursing excellence! On September 20th and 21st 2016, approximately 265 nurses gathered for the two-day 15th Annual Research and Evidence-Based Practice Conference. This years event held at the newly built UCLA Myer and Renee Luskin Conference Center.

The conference featured nationally known writer and speaker, Kathy Malloch, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN. Dr. Malloch is an expert in leadership, the development of evidence-based processes, and systems for patient care. The conference theme, “Becoming Agents of Change: Inspiring Inquiry and Innovation for Excellence in Patient Care,” echoed in all the presentations over the two-day event. Continued on Page 2.
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The first day started with Dr. Malloch’s keynote address titled “Evidence, Performance Improvement & Innovation: A New Look at the Chicken and Egg Dilemma.” Next, the annual Gawlinski Research Scholars awards were presented to Carol Pavlish, PhD, RN, FAAN and Katherine Brown-Saltzman, MA, RN. Both Dr. Pavlish and Ms. Brown-Saltzman gave thoughtful remarks on "Responding to the Aching Heart." The day ended with breakout sessions focused on advanced leadership and there were four separate podium sessions, featuring 19 presentations.

Day two began with a joint presentation by Dr. Malloch and Lee Galuska, PhD, RN, NE-BC (Director of Nursing Practice, Research and Education, UCLA Health) on "Increasing Your Face Value: 10 Strategies to Accelerate Collaboration." Drs. Malloch and Galuska highlighted ten distinct personality traits that contribute to group dynamics and innovative problem solving. Attendees formed small groups to identify their dominant “innovation personalities” and discussed how each personality brings a different perspective (1). At lunch time attendees had the opportunity to attend the "Meet the Experts" roundtable luncheon to network with experts on a variety of topics related to clinical inquiry.

After lunch, attendees choose one of four workshop tracks for in-depth exploration: Research, Evidence-Based Practice, Quality Improvement, and Innovation. Satisfaction with the conference was extremely high. Almost all attendees rated the conference as good/excellent (96% for day 1 and 99% for day two).

The conference was an extraordinary opportunity to learn from nationally recognized speakers and attend breakout sessions that focused on transforming nursing practice through research and dissemination. Attendees had the opportunity to view over 50 posters, attend podium presentations, and network with expert educators, researchers, clinicians, and colleagues from six states and the US territory of Guam.

References

I attended the entire LEAN session (all four classes) and LOVED IT! Great overview of areas where I had a solid understanding and added a new layer of information that I am looking forward to using on my unit. So appreciated the hands-on-activities.
Magnet® Conference Reflection: Igniting Excellence

By: Leah Korkis, MSN, RN

The Orange County Convention Center hosted the 2016 American Nursing Credentialing Center (ANCC) National Magnet® Conference October 5-7, 2016. Approximately 50 UCLA Health clinical nurses, care partners, and nurse leaders attended the conference, alongside approximately 9,000 other nurses. The conference celebrated the accomplishments of the 444 Magnet® designated facilities around the world. It also showcased the best of nursing practice in four general sessions, 150 poster presentations, and 153 podium sessions. Each presenter exemplified the Institute of Medicine’s call for nurses to “serve as full partners with other health professionals and be accountable for their own contributions to delivering high-quality care while working collaboratively with leaders from other health professions” (1).

Clinical nurses, care partners and our colleagues in care often don’t see themselves as leaders. Yet we each have a unique influence on the safety, well-being, and overall hospital stay of the patients who place their lives in our hands.

At the very core of Magnet® is the recognition of our value as healthcare providers to bring positive change to our work environment and ultimately to the experience of every patient during every encounter.

The display of numerous nurse-led quality improvement activities, evidence-based practice projects, and research studies at the conference was a powerful sight. The Magnet® Conference has an unmistakable aura of passion for quality patient care and pride for our professional role. It is not surprising that attendees left inspired and invigorated. In fact, not even Hurricane Matthew, the category 4 hurricane that blew across Florida and caused the Magnet® Conference to be cut short, could snuff the flame that was ignited in each of us! Our course is set for excellent patient care; Magnet® excellence.

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PhD vs DNP: Which One Do I Choose?

By: Suzette Cardin, PhD, RN, FAAN

Is this the time in your professional career when you are at the crossroads of what happens next? At the present time the two most popular options are a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). PhD degree graduates are committed to a research career to develop new knowledge for the discipline of nursing that forms the foundation for the advancement of nursing science. In addition to graduate level coursework, PhD graduates generally complete a doctoral dissertation.

DNP degree graduates are committed to the translation of research evidence into clinical practice and improvements in healthcare through practice, policy change and practice scholarship. In addition to advanced practice coursework, DNP students generally complete a clinical evidence based practice project. Both programs support the recommendation from the Institute of Medicine (2010) report on the Future of Nursing to double the number of nurses with a doctorate by 2020 (1).

The next question that most nurses tend to ask is what program is for me? How do I choose? While most nurses have their Master’s degree prior to obtaining doctoral training, there are Bachelors to PhD or DNP programs (2). The most popular route is Master’s preparation prior to either degree, as the master’s prepared nurse usually has a very clear idea of where he/she wants to go with their career and how to get there.

But what if you do not know what degree to choose? The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has developed the following tool: The Readiness Self-Assessment for Doctoral Study, which is available at www.newcareersinnursing.org; click on Doctoral Advancement (3).

At the present time the UCLA School of Nursing offers the PhD option and is actively pursuing, through the established academic approval track at UCLA, the opening of a DNP program which could happen as early as fall 2018. The contact person at the School of Nursing is Dr. Suzette Cardin at scardin@sonnet.ucla.edu.

References
Winter Grand Rounds:
Session One Rapid Fire- Spotlight on New Grads
Session Two Deep Dive- Eye Tracking as an Assessment Tool in Simulation

By: Rebecca Lash, PhD, RN

Nursing Grands Rounds, held on January 17, 2016, provided the opportunity to learn about nursing research and EBP activities at UCLA. The first session featured four exceptional New Graduate Nurse projects on topics of increasing importance to nursing practice. The second session highlighted the current research of Professor Mary Ann Schinnick from the UCLA School of Nursing. She is exploring the use of technology, that tracks eye movement, as an assessment tool during simulation. Both sessions were fantastic and sparked great conversation!

Attendance is growing at Nursing Grand Rounds, so if you haven’t checked us out yet, please do so at our next session! Continuing Education hours are awarded for attendance, and the NPRC is always looking for new topics and presenters from all levels of staff. We hope to see you at our next Grand Rounds.

Join us at Nursing Grand Rounds—learn what your colleagues are up to and earn CEUs!

For more information, please visit our website at: http://nursing.uclahealth.org/researchEBP

Definitions

**Human Research** is any research or clinical investigation that involves human subjects.

**Research** is defined as a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge (45 CFR 46.102(d)).

**Evidence-Based Practice** translates existing generalizable knowledge to implement local practice changes and/or answer a local practice question. EBP activities may include implementing practice changes on a pilot unit and evaluating process & outcomes.

**Quality Improvement** is defined as systematic, data-guided activities designed to implement promising ways to improve clinical care, patient safety and health care operations. The activity is designed to bring about immediate positive changes in the delivery of health care, programs or business practices in the local setting. Intent is limited to improving care, operations, services, and programs.
Nurses Improving Care for Health system Elders | NICHE

By: Neil Peig, MSN, RN, PCCN, AGCNS-BC

Did you know there are 77 million baby boomers in the U.S. and 10,000 turn 65 years of age every day?

As the older adult population continues to grow, there will be an increasing urgency for developing improved delivery of care. It will be critical that healthcare providers prioritize the complex, age-sensitive needs of this population.

In August 2016, Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center (RRUCLA) became a Nurses Improving Care for Health system Elders (NICHE) designated hospital with the aim of improving the care of our older adult patient population. RRUCLA joins SMUCLA as part of the NICHE network of over 600 healthcare organizations working to address the needs of hospitalized older adults. NICHE is the leading national nurse-driven program that provides the tools and resources to achieve excellence in geriatric care.

The first step of this initiative was the administration of the Geriatric Institutional Assessment Profile (GIAP), a self-reported survey designed to assess our hospital’s baseline geriatric care environment. The GIAP targeted hospital staff from all disciplines who provide care in adult inpatient units. A total of 1,048 surveys were completed with a nursing response rate of 65.4%. Analysis of aggregate and qualitative data highlighted areas of opportunity to improve the care of older adults. The most pressing issues include; staff education related to geriatrics, dementia and delirium; availability of geriatric experts and resources; advanced care planning; and communicating goals of care with the patient/family in the ICU.

As our organization transforms the culture of geriatric care, you can look forward to the implementation of various exciting educational programs and quality improvement initiatives focused on the care of older adults! RRUCLA Chief Nursing Officer, Cathy Ward, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, affirms “the NICHE program will facilitate our understanding of our elderly patients and assist in delivering excellent care for this growing patient population.”
EMPOWER AND ENGAGE: 2016 UCLA SMH UPC Summit
By: Maria Quirch, BSN, RN, OCN

The 7th annual Santa Monica UCLA Unit Practice Council (UPC) Summit took place on October 27th, 2016 with the theme: “E2: Empower and Engage.” We were fortunate this year to have a very special keynote speaker, Lee Tomlinson. Mr. Tomlinson is the founder of Centers for more Compassionate Care and gave an invigorating talk on his insights into the human needs of patients and providers alike. Each unit was represented at the UPC Summit and showed their passion for providing high quality patient care through either a podium or e-poster presentation.

The UPCs are unit-based teams that consist of roughly eight to ten direct-care nurses and care partners. In addition, the Unit Director (UD) and Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) may be present at monthly meetings to provide administrative support and guidance. UPCs act as the foundation for shared governance and allow staff to drive decisions at the bedside using evidence based practice. The primary purpose of the UPC is to continuously improve patient and staff outcomes through the embodiment of the Professional Practice and Relationship-Based Care models.

At Santa Monica UCLA Hospital, the Chair of each UPC serves as a member of the Transformational Leadership (TL) Magnet Council. This Transformational Leadership council hosts the annual UPC Summit, in which UPCs from across the hospital share their unit projects through poster presentations. Presentations are guided by the UPC Summit theme, unit-specific needs, and organizational goals. The UPC Summit is an opportunity to disseminate new knowledge and best practices.

The annual UPC Summit is an open event. Keep your eyes out for the 2017 UPC Summit and come see all of the inspiring work that your colleagues are doing and have fun!
NPRC Membership Drive and Open House

By: Pamela Nye, MSN, RN

Do you want to learn more about research? Would you like to join a bright, invigorating group of budding nurse researchers? Do you want to evaluate and contribute to research activities at UCLA Health? You may be ready for membership as a new researcher in the Nursing Practice Research Council (NPRC). You needn’t only be interested in research to acquire benefit from membership, there is information and education on Performance Improvement/Quality Improvement and EBP too! Last year four Clinical Nurses joined the group and contributed to the planning and implementation of the Annual Research and Evidence Based Practice Conference. They were involved at the ground level of development of this large UCLA regional conference that attracted more than 300 participants.

In addition to clinical nurses, NPRC is recruiting Advance Practice Nurses. One of the most valuable services we offer our new members is the wisdom and mentorship provided by our experienced Advance Practice Nurses (APN). Mentorship takes many forms and APNs both provide and need ongoing mentorship. In some cases, APNs feel like novices themselves when it comes to research. They crave the kind of education and guidance needed to provide basic and advanced research mentorship. If you want some additional mentorship from seasoned nurse researchers, joining the NPRC can provide you with the support and encouragement to enhance your own research and mentorship skills. So—whether you are seasoned APN researcher or looking for more tools to better guide fellow nurses WE WANT YOU!!

If you are interested in hearing more about the NPRC:
• Attend our Open House (see flyer on opposite page)
• Or contact Pamela Nye at Pnye@mednet.ucla.edu

New Member Spotlight: Stephanie Jackson, MSN, RN

By: Pamela Nye, MSN, RN

Stephanie recently joined the NPRC as a new member because she wanted “to grow and develop an understanding of the research process and understand all that’s involved in getting research approved.” She considers herself a novice having first been exposed during Graduate School where she developed her thesis on the study of the spiritual care among nurses as they took care of seriously ill and dying patients.

Her areas of interest, having an expertise in Oncology Nursing include identification of human suffering, assessment of people in their homes as they process the dying phenomenon and evaluation of the quality of life of those people at the end of their lives. She loves development of her new graduate nurse projects on 6E and enjoys the mentorship process of helping them develop their skills. She says, “she appreciated having these nurses exposed to the research process ‘up front’ in their careers.”
SAVE THE DATE:
NPRC Open House

The Nursing Practice Research Council (NPRC) supports, encourages, and facilitates nurses' participation in research activities (utilization and conduct) to achieve optimum patient outcomes. The NPRC functions under an operational strategic plan that promotes system-wide, multi-disciplinary, research-based practice.

Why attend the Open House?
Are you interested in nursing research? Are you curious how nursing contributes to research at UCLA Health? Come learn about what the NPRC does and how you can participate in the future! The Open Houses are drop-in events where you can ask current members about council activities.

Choose either:

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017**
9:30 – 11:00 AM
Ronald Reagan Medical Center
B120

**Monday, March 13, 2017**
2:30 – 4:00 PM
Santa Monica Hospital
Conference Room 3

To learn more visit the NPRC Website:
[http://nursing.uclahealth.org/body.cfm?id=69](http://nursing.uclahealth.org/body.cfm?id=69)

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Research Made Simple Series: The T-Test

By Rebecca Lash, PhD, RN

When evaluating QI/EBP and research projects it can sometimes be difficult to know when to use statistics to show a change occurred and which statistical test to use. You should always reach out to unit leadership or content expert before collecting data to make sure you collect the right data! Here we will briefly review the T-Test:

A T-Test is used when you want to compared the difference between two groups, when you have interval data. As a reminder interval-ratio data is quantifiable and measurable data such as weight, scores on a test, temperature, etc. You use a T-Test to compare the averages between two groups on the measure you are interested in.

For example, if you have a weight-loss program and you are interested in the weight between people who participated in the group (Group A) and those who did not (Group B)—you would compare the average weight of people in Group A compared to Group B. This is a T-Test for Independent groups. If you want to examine averages score from the same group—say like on a pre and post test for nurses attending an education event—you would use a Paired T- Test.

The test statistics tell you whether or not there are a true statistical difference between the groups you are looking at or if the results happened by chance. While you can calculate these test statistics by hand—there are a variety of computer programs that can do this for you very easily.

Remember—there are plenty of other statistical tests so make sure you use them properly. Do you have more than two groups? You may do an Analysis of Variance. Do you have categorical data (eye color, job type, gender, etc.) and want to look at the difference between groups? You will likely use a χ² (Chi-Square) test. Reach out to your unit leadership, content expert or NRE if you need help!

References

Research Trivia

If you are examining, on a written test, an increase in sepsis knowledge before and after skills day — which statistical test would you use?

A. Independent Sample T Test
B. Analysis of Variance
C. Paired T-Test
D. χ² (Chi-Square)

The person with the first correct response will win a $25 gift card (additional prizes may be awarded for subsequent responses). Email your responses to Pamela Miller at psmiller@mednet.ucla.edu by April 15, 2017.
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Nursing: Creating the “WOW” Nationally & Internationally-Winter 2017

By Pamela Miller, PhD, RN, ACNP; CNS

We congratulate our amazing nurses for their awards, publications, and accepted abstracts for presentation at professional meetings and conferences.

Publications:


Patricia Jakel, MN, RN, AOCN; Jillian Kenney, BSN, RN, OCN; Natalia Ludan, BSN, RN OCN; Edith Matesic, DNP, RN, NEA-BC; Norma McNair, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC; Pamela S. Miller, PhD, RN, ACNP, CNS. Effects of the Use of the Provider Resilience Mobile Application in Reducing Compassion Fatigue in Oncology Nursing. Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing, 20(6), 661-665. 2016.

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Diane Oran, MN, RN, CNS, NP-BC; Vanessa Davila, BSN, RN; Nelly Dipaolo, BSN, RN; Jane Pressman, BSN, RN; Anna Kurtz, LCSW; Suzie Scarpaci, BSN, RN; John Creel, RN; Janice Dy, RN; Diana Erslovas, RN. Psychiatric Medication Inpatient 30-Day Readmissions for Cardiac Surgery Patients.

Elizabeth George, MSN, RN; Lauren Jones, MSN, RN, CEN, CNL, PHN; Lisa Dabby, MD; Rebecca Lash, PhD, RN; Kayla Reynolds, BSN, RN, CEN. Pediatric Head Injuries. Emergency Nurse’s Association. Hollywood, CA. 9/16/2016. (Poster)

Franz Cordero, BSN, RN, OCN; Yesenia Valle, BSN, RN, OCN. A Multidisciplinary Approach to Pain Management in the Acute Care Setting. ONS Congress. Denver, CO. 5/5/2017. (Poster)

Grace Sund, MSN, RN, CPNP, CPHON, CNS; Amy Goldberg, MSN, RN, CPNP, CPN, CNS. Creating a Culture of Professional Development through Staff Engagement. Association of California Nurse Leaders. Anaheim, CA. 2/5/2017. (Poster)

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Jennifer Hennessey, MSN, RN; Lauren Jones, MSN, RN, CEN, CHL, PHN; Lisa De Reyes, BSN, RN, CEN; Alison Wrigley, BSN, RN, CEN. Alarm Fatigue in the Emergency Department. Emergency Nurse’s Association. Hollywood, CA. 9/16/2016. (Poster)


Kara Dawn Holland, MSN, RN, CNL. Does a Mandated Off-Monitor Alert Phone Call Reduce Falls Among Cardiac-Monitored Patients on a Neuroscience Unit? University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, 24th National Evidence-Based Practice Conference. Iowa City, IA. 4/27/2017. (Poster)

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Meg Furukawa, MN, RN-BC. Optimizing Blood Administration to Enhance Patient Safety. HIMSS17: Health IT Conference. Orlando, FL. 2/19/2017. (Podium)

Pamela Nye, MS, RN, CNRN, SCRN. Is There a Relationship Between Drug/Alcohol Use and Propensity to Fall in Hospitalized Younger Adults? 24th National Evidence-Based Practice Conference at University of Iowa. Iowa City, IA. 4/27/2017. (Podium)

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Sangyoung Yu-Choi, MSN, RN, PCCN. The NPD’s Innovative Strategies to Transform Educational Programs. Association for Nursing Professional Development. New Orleans, LA. 7/18/2017. (Poster)

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Pamela Baldivia, DNP, FNP-BC; Alissa Lund, RN; Elizabeth Marcus, MD; Laurie Reyen, RN; Jorge Vargas, MD; Robert Venick, MD; Laura Wozniak, MD. Central Venous Catheter Repair is Highly Successful in Children with Intestinal Failure. 9th International Pediatric Intestinal Failure and Rehabilitation Symposium. Los Angeles, CA. 10/28/2016. Awarded poster with distinction. (Poster)
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Sandra Dewar, MSN, RN, FAES. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Future of Nursing Scholarship Award. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. ($125,000)

Award or Recognition:
Nancy Knechel, PhD, RN, ACNP. Appointed to the Institute for Emergency Nursing Research (IENR) Advisory Council by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) President. 1/1/2017.

Nishi Bhaktidasi Jumna, MA, RN. Daisy Award Winner. UCLA Health System. 2016.

Norma McNair, PhD, RN, FAHA. Elected Fellow of the American Heart Association. November 2016.
Patricia Jakel, MN, RN, AOCN. When the Oncology Nurse becomes the Oncology Patient! The Terror of the Cancer Diagnosis. Mara Mogensen Flaherty Memorial Lectureship, Oncology Nursing Foundation. May 2017.


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One UCLA: UCLA Health and School of Nursing Reception

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One UCLA Nursing! That was the sentiment at the UCLA Health and UCLA School of Nursing Collaboration Event held on October 13, 2016. It was a message of unity and a commitment to a shared vision for excellence in nursing at UCLA.

Organized by UCLA Health Lead Nurse Scientist Pamela Miller, PhD, RN and Associate Dean Adey Nyamathi, PhD, RN, this event brought together faculty from the School of Nursing with UCLA Health nursing leaders seeking to strengthen our academic-clinical partnership. The event provided the opportunity for networking, sharing a passion for nursing excellence, exploration of common research interests, and discussion of collaboration opportunities. Dean Linda Sarna, PhD, RN and Chief Nurse Executive Karen Grimley, PhD, RN shared a powerful vision of partnership and unparalleled potential for UCLA nurses to influence the future of healthcare. They celebrated the opportunity to leverage the power of nursing in practice and academia to lead change and advance the health of the people we serve.

Director of Nursing Practice, Education and Research Lee Galuska, PhD, RN reflected on the evidence for successful academic-clinical partnerships which have a foundation in a formal structure and shared vision and goals. Nurse leaders committed to establishing an infrastructure to optimize the impact of our collaborative efforts. The event ignited a spark that will fuel a strong UCLA.

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Nurses Week 2017

Appreciation and recognition for excellence in nursing practice is what most nurse’s want and National Nurses’ Week is a special time for us to receive just that!

Every year from May 6-12, nurses are recognized and celebrated across the country for their immeasurable contribution to the health and care of others. We want to make sure our nurses at UCLA know how much they are appreciated, so this year the UCLA Department of Nursing is working together with the community to plan 3 days of wellness-focused speakers, classes and events that will help give our nurses the tools they need to flourish at work and at home.

Nurses Week highlights include:

- Guest Speakers
- Massage
- Urban Zen
- Yoga
- Tea for the soul

See full schedule of events at: http://nursing.uclahealth.org/nursesweek2017