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**FEBRUARY CON GRANTS SUBMITTED**

**Hoffman, A.** “Managing Fatigue Using Virtual Reality for Post-Operative Lung Cancer Patients.” R21 submitted to the National Institutes of Health, NINR.

**Horodynski, M.** “Migrant Education in Activity and Nutrition in the Summer (MEANS).” R01 submitted to National Institutes of Health as a subcontract through Case Western.

**Horodynski, M.** “Age Difference in GxE Interactions During Toddlerhood: Relations with Self Regulation.” R21 submitted to National Institutes of Health, NICHD in conjunction with Kathy Stansbury.

**Schutte, D.** “Hearing Loss and Agitation in Alzheimer Disease Within A Rural Isolated Community.” R01 submitted to National Institutes of Health, NINR.

**Schutte, D.** “Predictors of Age-Related Hearing Impairment in Rural Population Isolate.” R01 submitted to National Institutes of Health National Institute NIDCD, in conjunction with Brian Schutte.
**STUDENT NEWS**

**Productivity**

**Presentation**


**Abstract Reviewer**

Byma, E. Journal of Pain and Symptom Management

**Grant News**

The college has just received its first Sigma Theta Tau International Research Grant. **Chia Tai Hung** is the recipient with her proposal entitled, "Caregiver-patient congruent symptom perception of pain and fatigue in the trajectory of cancer care." The objectives of this study are: 1) to identify changes in congruence of pain and fatigue perception between cancer patients and caregivers over time; 2) to examine the association between the demographic characteristics, caregiver burden, caregiver depression, total number of patients' symptoms, and changes in congruent symptom perception over time; and 3) to examine the influence of changes in congruent pain and fatigue perception on patients' HQOL and caregivers' physical health. Congratulations Chia Tai!

Former PhD student, **Paula Sherwood**, was awarded the Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Grant in Health Sciences. This is a 5 month grant for lecturing and performing research at the University of Eastern Finland, primarily within the School of Nursing. The award will run from January to mid-May of 2012.

**Dissertation Defense**

On March 23, **Denise Soltow Hershey** will present her oral dissertation defense in A230 Life Science, 2:30-4:30 p.m. The defense entitled, "Older Adults with Diabetes and Cancer: Impact on Diabetes Self-Management," examined the relationship between individual, clinical and behavioral characteristics in adults 50 and older who have preexisting diabetes and are receiving chemotherapy for a solid tumor cancer at baseline and after a minimum of eight weeks of chemotherapy. Age and level of diabetes self efficacy was shown to be significant predictors for baseline self-management. Please join the PhD office in support of Denise Soltow Hershey.

**Award News**

Incoming PhD student, **Barbara Jonker**, has received the University Enrichment Fellowship award. This 5-year support package is the university’s most prestigious graduate fellowship. Congratulations!

**GERONTOLOGY NEWS**

The inaugural meeting of the Nursing Gerontology Research Interest Group (N-GRIP) was held February 18, 2011, in the College of Nursing. N-GRIP consists of doctorally prepared faculty (PhD and DNP) who are conducting or translating research in the area of gerontology, as well as doctoral students with a focus in gerontology. The mission of this interest group is to spark creativity and collaboration in research discovery and translation towards improved health for older adults. The immediate efforts will focus on building the infrastructure to support research collaboration and innovation among gerontology researchers in the College of Nursing. If you have questions or wish additional information about this effort, please contact Debra Schutte, PhD RN at 517-432-4310 or schutted@msu.edu.
RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP NEWS

Sparrow Health System Partnership
During the month of February 2011 Sparrow nurses have been busy with research and Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) projects. On February 28, 2011, Dr. Gwen Wyatt, Sparrow research consultant, along with Chia Tai Hung, doctoral student, presented a continuing education program for Sparrow Nurses on poster preparation. The presentation highlighted key areas of research and EBP poster development.

Dr. Wyatt also worked with the four Sparrow Evidence-Based Practice Fellowship project recipients. Kimberly Harr, RN, and Erin Darnell, BSN, RN, have developed a project entitled “Does Complementary Therapy Reduce Anxiety and Increase Comfort When Incorporated into the Treatment Plan for Pediatric Patients?” Their clinical mentor on this project is Mary Kisting, CNS Pediatric Nurse.

Bethann Conn, BSN, RN, CCRN & Kelli Isralson-Brown, BSN, RN, CCRN are developing their project entitled “Designing a Tool and Resource for Nurses on How to Deal with Difficult Families and Patients.” Their clinical mentor is Leah Cohen, CNS Critical Care Nurse.

Cheryl Chapman, BSN, RN, has developed a project entitled “Would Caffeine Dependent Patients be Headache-Free During Their Inpatient Hospitalization if Caffeinated Beverages Were Allowed on Their Food Trays From the Time of Admission to the Adult Psychiatric Unit?” Her clinical mentor on this project is Kathleen Frybarger, Director of Sparrow Behavioral Health.

Jenny Werth, BSN, RN, CEN has developed her project entitled “Among Adult Trauma Patients Admitted to Sparrow Hospital by MSU Trauma Team, Does Routine Rounding and Discharge Follow up Improve Patient Satisfaction, Health-Seeking Behaviors, and Institutional Integrity?” Her clinical mentor is Penny Stevens, Manager of the Sparrow Trauma Center.

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CONFERENCES AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Greater Lansing Nursing Research Day. Sparrow Professional Building, 3rd Floor Atrium, Lansing, MI. March 17, 2011


26th International Conference of Alzheimer’s Disease International. Sheraton Center Toronto Hotel, Toronto, Canada. March 26-29, 2011

Wayne State University College of Nursing Center for Health Research Annual Research Day. Detroit, MI. March 30, 2011

Western Nursing Institute 44th Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference. Las Vegas, NV. April 13-16, 2011

GH/Innovate 2011 Global Health & Innovation Conference. Las Vegas, NV. April 16-17, 2011


Oncology Nursing Society 36th Annual Congress. Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston, MA. April 28-May 1, 2011


Sigma Theta Tau International 22nd International Nursing Research Congress. Moon Palace Golf and Spa Resort, Cancun, Mexico. July 11-14, 2011

Purdue University School of Nursing Healthcare Systems Institute. Purdue University, Lafayette, IN. June 20-25, 2011

12th Annual Meeting of the National Outreach Scholarship Conference. Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing, MI. October 2-4, 2011


APHA 139th Annual Meeting & Exposition. Washington, DC. October 29-November 2, 2011

Gerontological Society of America 64th Annual Scientific Meeting. Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA. November 18-22, 2011

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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