Dr. Millie Horodynski and former PhD student, Dr. Paula Sherwood, have been selected as fellows for the Fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing. They are among the largest class of inductees totaling 142 nurse leaders. They will officially become Fellows on October 15 during the induction ceremony at the American Academy of Nursing Annual Meeting. The Academy Fellowship represents the nation’s top nurse researchers, policymakers, scholars, executives, educators and practitioners. Congratulations to the new inductees!

The Aldrich Committee will fund Dr. Debra Schutte’s Pearl Aldrich project entitled, “Hearing, Genetics and Agitation in People with Dementia in a Rural Isolated Community: A Feasibility Study. This $20,000 award is funded July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The goal of this feasibility study is to build a risk profile for agitation in persons with Alzheimer disease that includes objective and subjective measures of hearing status. The long term objective is to develop targeted central auditory, sensory or other biobehavioral intervention that will prevent or manage agitation in persons with Alzheimer disease. Congratulations!

Dr. Sandra Spoelstra received both the best oral and best poster presentation by faculty awards at the 34th Annual Michigan 2011 Family Medicine Research Day Conference. This conference was held on May 24 at Cleary University in Howell, Michigan. Her paper was entitled, “Explaining transfers from home and community based waiver program to nursing home: Can patients stay at home?” and her poster was entitled, “Falls and fractures in community dwelling elderly cancer survivors.”

June 13-16, 2011. Dr. Costellia Talley attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Developing Competitive Intervention Studies Institute. This Institute helped Dr. Talley improve her knowledge and skills related to developing competitive intervention studies that focus on functional, behavioral and physiological outcomes.

On Friday, April 29, 2011, Dr. Gwen Wyatt and her NCI reflexology study team hosted a conference to wrap-up her successful R01 reflexology grant. Recruiters and reflexologists from each participating site across the Midwest that took part in the conference. Topics covered included recruitment tips, intervener tips, and results of the study. Dr. Wyatt and her team also introduced the new, soon-to-be-funded R01 incorporating caregiver-delivered reflexology in the home for advanced breast cancer patients. Study personnel were able to network across sites and share their experiences. Each site represented found it rewarding to work on the study and to learn the results. (see pictures below)

Dr. Lan Yao has been selected as a Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing Research Scholar for 2011 summer. She will participate in the Summer Scholars Seminar at New York University College of Nursing August 1-5. Dr. Yao was selected as one of twelve participants across the country for this program.
PARTNERSHIP NEWS

Sparrow News

The month of May wrapped up Dr. Gwen Wyatt's research consulting at Sparrow Hospital for the Academic Year (August 15, 2010 – May 15, 2011). Over the past 9 months, Dr. Wyatt and the Sparrow Nursing Research Council have worked productively together on a variety of projects that have not only reinforced the College of Nursing and Sparrow’s partnership, but has also strengthened the scholarship of several Sparrow nurses. These projects included revising the Sparrow Research application, drafting the Research Strategic Plan with the Magnet subcommittee, and helping nurses submit research projects to the Sparrow Institutional Research Review Committee (IRRC). Dr. Wyatt also assisted other Sparrow nurses in preparing and submitting manuscripts to professional journals.

Four Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Fellowship nursing teams were selected early in 2011. Dr. Wyatt has coordinated their projects, as well as the program curriculum. MSU CON doctoral student Chia Tai Hung has served as Dr. Wyatt’s graduate assistant at Sparrow this year, and has assisted with accomplishing all of these projects.

Allegiance News

Bill Corser concluded a productive academic year working with nurse administrators and researchers at Allegiance Hospital. With a goal of magnet status, a strategic plan for nursing research was developed and various objectives are currently being implemented. Five evidence-based nursing research projects are in various stages of approval and implementation including studies looking at RN beliefs related to evidence-based practice in their respective units, use of warming blankets in the peri-operative unit and PICC line use. In addition, Dr. Corser coordinated with two MSU Nursing faculty to implement studies within Allegiance hospital related to mindfulness therapy with lung cancer patients and the impact of diabetes self-management in older diabetic patients with cancer. We look forward to continuing work with Allegiance as they move toward their goal of becoming a magnet hospital.

RECENT FACULTY PRODUCTIVITY

Publications


Presentations


Given, B. A. (2011, May). Team Science: Building a Research Team. Invited talk at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, TN.


Manuscript Reviewers


Grant Reviewer

Given, B. Oncology Nursing Foundation Given, B. DIRH Given, B. NCI – Training Grants
RECENT STUDENT PRODUCTIVITY

Publications

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Sigma Theta Tau International 22nd International Nursing Research Congress. Moon Palace Golf and Spa Resort, Cancun, Mexico
http://www.nursingsociety.org

6th Annual Children’s Hospital of Michigan Evidence-Based Practice Nursing Conference. Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI.
Abstract Deadline: July 1, 2011
For conference information contact Carolyn Clemons at CClemons@dmc.org.

12th Annual Meeting of the National Outreach Scholarship Conference. Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing, MI.
Registration Deadline: August 19, 2011
http://outreachscholarship.org/Home.aspx

CANS 2011 Special Topics Conference. Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, Washington, DC.
http://www.nursingscience.org/4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3335

American Academy of Nursing 38th Annual Meeting and Conference. Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, Washington, DC.
http://www.aannet.org/4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3313

APHA 139th Annual Meeting & Exposition. Washington, DC.
http://www.apha.org/meetings/AnnualMeeting/

Gerontological Society of America 64th Annual Scientific Meeting. Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA.
http://www.geron.org/

26th SNRS Annual Conference. Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, LA.
http://www.snrs.org

APOS 9th Annual Conference. Miami, FL.
http://www.apos-society.org

Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting. Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, LA.
http://www.sbm.org/

2012 MNRS Annual Research Conference. Hyatt Regency Dearborn, Dearborn, MI.
http://www.mnrs.org

37th ONS Annual Congress. New Orleans, LA.
http://www.ons.org/

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