Last Edition
This will be the last edition of the Research Center Update. The Nursing eNews distributed by the College of Nursing Marketing and Communication Department will continue to provide information on research such as new funding, awards and honors received by researchers and publications. The Research website will provide information on upcoming events.

Special Recognition
Dr. Amy Hoffman was invited to participate on an expert panel by the National Oncology Nursing Society. The panel reviewed and evaluated the American College Chest Physicians: “Diagnosis and Management of Lung Cancer,” 3rd edition: American College of Chest Physicians Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guidelines. Dr. Hoffman also provided an interview for Cancer Nursing Author On Call Blog for endorsement on the Theory of Symptom Self-Management for January 2013 issue.

Dr. Gwen Wyatt has been invited to serve on the 2013 Integrative Medicine Special Interest Group at the 10th Annual American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) Conference.

Former PhD student, Dr. Susan Dunn (05’), was presented with the Ruth and John Reed Faculty Achievement Award at Hope College’s Annual Recognition Luncheon on January 7. This award recognizes members of the Hope faculty who are superior teachers and have also contributed significantly in some other area of professional life. Dr. Dunn has been instrumental in working with Michigan State University to create a partnership for bachelorettes to continue on to graduate study.

Trifecta Visiting Scholar
January 10 the “Trifecta” welcomed Dr. Patricia Brennan from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Trifecta is a tri-college initiative between the College of Nursing, College of Engineering and College of Communication Arts for launching innovative projects to study new communication and engineering technologies. The overachieving goal of the group is to advance delivery of nursing and health services/solutions to underserved communities. Dr. Brennan presented on interdisciplinary work and met with various research teams to help culminate ideas.
Grant Reviews

Brittain, K. 2013 ONS Foundation Research Grants Program

Abstract Reviews

Lehto, R. 38th Annual ONS Congress

Grants Submitted

Chenchop, P. Media Use as a Mediator of Health-Promoting Behaviors in School-Age Children. Sigma Theta Tau. Mentor: Dr. Barbara Given

Goris, E. Apathy, Genetics, and Functional Status in Persons with Alzheimer Disease. National Institutes of Health, NINR, F31. Mentor: Dr. Deb Schutte

Holwerda, T. Patient Characteristics, Symptoms and Physical Function in Lumbar Degeneration. Sigma Theta Tau. Mentor: Dr. Deb Schutte

Mundt, M. Nurse Faculty Loan Program. HRSA.

Talley, H. Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship. HRSA.

Wyatt, G. Cancer Symptom Management during Active Treatment via Automated System and Complementary Therapies. PCORI.

Partnership News

Allegiance Health nurses made a productive leap into the new year with their research projects. The Postoperative Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) nurses are to be commended for completing all four phases of their peri-operative thermoregulation study. Lead investigators, including PACU nurses Brenda Rowley, Judy Van Poperin, Marsi Kerr, and Cynthia Everett have made two trips to MSU College of Nursing to meet with Dr. Manfred Stommel and Dr. Rebecca Lehto related to data management and analysis issues. An abstract of this work was developed and submitted to Greater Lansing Research Day. The nurses are now developing plans for drafting and submitting a manuscript for publication. In February, Dr. Rebecca Lehto will present on publishing and research dissemination for practicing nurses at Allegiance Health.

Data analysis of the nurse led evidence base practice focus groups is in process. An abstract of this work was also developed and submitted to Greater Lansing Research Day. Patient recruitment continues on the collaborative MSU and Allegiance Health research project, rural patient education needs following cardiac surgery, led by Dr. Martha Scheckel and the Allegiance Health Site Investigator, Leilani Tacia, RN, MSN, CNS.

On November 13, 2012, MSU CON Faculty Dr. Martha Scheckel provided a visiting scholar presentation on qualitative research. Dr. Denise Hershey is scheduled to present to the Allegiance Health nurses in March 2013. Dr. Barbara Smith, Associate Dean for Research in the College of Nursing, and Dr. Rebecca Lehto, Allegiance Health Research Liaison, met with Jacalyn Liebowitz, Chief Nurse Executive, and Allegiance Health Research Council members, Leilani Tacia, Cynthia Everett, and Karen Biskupski on January 31, 2013, for strategic planning discussions related to the research agenda at Allegiance Health.

Faculty Publications


Journal Reviews

Brittain, K. Western Journal of Nursing Research
Gallagher, N. Social Science and Medicine
Hershey, D. Oncology Nursing Forum
Horodynski, M. Maternal and Child Nutrition
Horodynski, M. Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior
Lehto, R. Cancer Nursing: An International Journal of Cancer Care
Mundt, M. Nurse Educator
Robbins, L. Clinical Nursing Research
Wyatt, G. Cancer Nursing
Wyatt, G. Journal of Complementary and Alternative Medicine
Wyatt, G. Journal of Palliative Medicine

Conference and Calls for Abstracts


City of Hope National Medical Center Presents Improving the Quality of Spiritual Care as a Dimension of Palliative Care. The California Endowment Center, Los Angeles, CA. www.cityofhope.org/nre-spiritual-care-conference Early Bird Registration Deadline: February 15th March 6-7, 2013


APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition. Boston, MA. November 2-6, 2013


Upcoming Campus Events

Body Composition Measurement Mini Workshop. IM Circle 380, Room 30. Presented by Dr. James Plivnik and Dr. Barbara Smith. For information contact Jennifer Labun at Jennifer.labun@hc.msu.edu. February 22

Thinking Qualitatively: The Use of Phenomenology and Hermeneutics. C160 Life Sciences. Presented by Dr. Martha Scheckel. For information contact Teresa Cherry at Teresa.Cherry@hc.msu.edu. March 13

Blood Biomarker Training. Presented by Dr. Donna McCarthy. For information contact Jacqueline Humphrey at Nursing.Research@hc.msu.edu. March 28-29