A Message From the President

Can you believe it’s already September? School has started and everyone is enjoying the promise of more learning. I must say that I am looking forward to our Leadership Conference in October . . . take advantage of the early bird registration. The Leadership Conference Committee has been hard at work for a year and they have planned an excellent three “late afternoon/early evening conference” for October 18-20. Scan your email for the evite!
Join us for the 2022 NHCGNE Leadership Conference, the premier leadership development conference in gerontological nursing! Please refer to our conference webpage about registration, CE’s, sponsorship opportunities and more!

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NHCGNE Member Spotlight

Joan Carpenter

Joan G. Carpenter, PhD, CRNP, is an expert in geriatric palliative care. Her research program within the VA focuses on implementing and evaluating strategies that support clinicians’ conducting goals of care conversations and delivering high-quality palliative care.

Tracey Yap

Tracey L Yap, PhD, RN, WCC, CNE, FGSA, FAAN, is an associate professor in the Duke University School of Nursing. The overarching goal of her research is to improve the quality of care delivered by nursing staff to older adults.

Ohio State College of Nursing Launches First-In-The-Nation Doctor of Nursing Education Degree

The Ohio State University College of Nursing has launched the application for its new online Doctor of Nursing Education (DNE) degree program, the first such program in the United States.

National nursing faculty shortages inspired the new program at Ohio State; a nationwide nursing faculty vacancy rate of more than 10% is projected to increase in coming years.

“The shortage of faculty across the country is the major reason why colleges and schools of nursing have to limit their student enrollments,” said Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN, vice president for health promotion, university chief wellness officer and dean of the College of Nursing. “We know that we must expand our capacity to meet the current and future needs of our profession and healthcare system. A major step in doing that is filling the gap we have in the number of highly-qualified, doctorally-prepared nursing faculty.”
Mentor Tips & Reminders

The fall 2022 semester is upon us! For many people that means reconnecting with colleagues after summer and also prioritizing our fall calendars and schedules. As you re-establish or begin new routine meetings with mentors, remember to consider the following:

1. Get to Know your Mentor and/or Mentee on a personal level, in addition to a professional level. We all have diverse backgrounds and research experiences. Make sure to show up for the relationship and actively listen to your Mentor/Mentee. Do you have any commonalities (e.g., sports team, hobbies)? Knowing someone on a personal level can encourage consistent communication.

Learn More Tips & Tricks!

Coronavirus and Older Adults

Is Protecting Older Adults from COVID-19 Ageism? A Comparative Cross-cultural Constructive Grounded Theory from the United Kingdom and Colombia

ABSTRACT

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted people's lives all over the world, requiring health and safety measures intended to stop the virus from spreading. This study explores whether an unintended consequence of these measures is a new form of ageism. We explore, using qualitative methods, the experiences of older adults living through the pandemic in the United Kingdom and Colombia. Although there were some small differences between countries, for the most part, the experiences were similar. We found that older adults reported that they were seen as a homogenous group and experienced both benevolent and hostile ageism and a loss of autonomy as a consequence of COVID-19 protection measures. Participants from both countries expressed anger and frustration, and increased anxiety, and felt that their individuality was ignored. We recommend that policy-makers, the media, and wider society consider the impact of such health and safety measures on older adults in preparing for future pandemics and health challenges.

How Common Is Delirium Among Older Adults Who Present to the ED With COVID-19?

Delirium is a common, lethal, early occurring manifestation of COVID-19 among older adults who present to the emergency department (ED) — in most instances causing acute or chronic neurocognitive dysfunction that is strongly impacted by inflammatory and hypoxic-ischemic mechanisms, according a study published in Cognitive and Behavioral Neurology.

Data were obtained through a clinical chart review of consecutive patients who presented to the ED of EvergreenHealth Medical Center (EHMC) — a public hospital that serves approximately 850,000 individuals in King and Snohomish counties in the state of Washington. EHMC was the first hospital to report patients with SARS-CoV-2 infection in the United States.

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I first met Juanita in the 1990s when practicing as a board certified geriatric clinical nurse specialist in a special chronic care management project for older adults in a managed care organization. We were less than two weeks into the project, and I received a phone call telling me that Juanita a 92 y/o female in the practice living independently (and whom I have not even met in person yet) had been admitted to a psychiatric unit. She was placed on a 72 hour hold after she had pulled the fire alarm in her lower income apartment building and was directing traffic in her nightgown. Thankfully, I was able to get to know Juanita over period of about two years, so the story did not end here.

Early in the COVID-19 pandemic, when much of U.S. society shut down, health workers put their own safety on the line and kept going to work to care for patients. Although their communities initially banged on pots, cheered from their balconies, and put up thank-you signs, the pots have long since stopped clanging. Expressions of gratitude have too often been replaced by hostility, anger, and even death threats toward health workers, as health misinformation has exploded, eroding trust in science and public health experts. Yet doctors, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, respiratory therapists, hospital security officers, and staff members of health care and public health organizations continue showing up to battle the pandemic and its sequelae — long COVID, mental health strain, widening health disparities, and 2 years’ worth of deferred care for myriad conditions.
We are proud to announce our new partnership with Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing. This partnership allows both organizations to provide benefits, opportunities, and collaborative activities that facilitate achievement of our missions. Together, we can promote outreach to a broader network of nurses interested in promoting the quality of care provided to older adults.

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**Scholarship Opportunities**

**Graduate Gerontology Healthcare Certificate**
PhD Scholarships $150,000 University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

The Reynolds Center of Geriatric Excellence, Fran and Earl Ziegler College of Nursing, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center announces $150,000 PhD Scholarships for full-time PhD study in Nursing, with a focus in adult and older adult healthcare. The Scholarship offers up to three years of support with a value of $50,000 per year for tuition and fees, conference travel and a monthly living stipend. The PhD Program is online providing strong individual mentorship with visits to campus for intensives. For more information, visit the following website:

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Academic Opportunities

Multiple Tenure-Track or Tenured Positions Now Available
The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis seeks multiple tenure- or tenure-track faculty at the rank of assistant, associate or full professor. The school also invites applications from research teams of two or more faculty with productive, collaborative research programs.

We seek applications from candidates with productive programs of science and commitment to scholarship that aligns with the School of Nursing mission and research priorities:

- healthy aging and family caregiving across the life span
- health equity, social justice and health promotion in diverse populations
- healthy systems and enabling technologies

We invite applications from scholars with research programs that intersect with more than one of these areas.

In addition to conducting research, successful candidates teach in one or more of the school’s four programs: Master’s Entry Program in Nursing, Physician Assistant Master of Health Services, Doctor of Nursing Practice—Family Nurse Practitioner and the Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership Doctor of Philosophy programs. The school especially seeks candidates with experience teaching qualitative research methods or health informatics.

For more information

If you are interested in more information, please send an email with your questions to Stephanie Lagala at sdlagala@ucdavis.edu.

Please review the full position description, which provides guidance on the application requirements and recommendations to strengthen your application at nursing.ucdavis.edu/ourteam/join.

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Upcoming Industry Events

CNS Week is an annual event that acknowledges the contributions of the 89,000 Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSS) in North America. CNSSs are an elite and unique group of advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) that are the only APRNs qualified to integrate care across the three spheres of influence in health care: patient, nurse, and system.
This webinar, presented by Edie Brous, JD, RN, a nationally acclaimed nurse attorney, nurse advocate and speaker, will address those fears and evaluate the Vaught case within the context of other cases in which health care professionals have been criminally charged.

- Topics to be addressed include:
  - How criminal charges for medical errors undermine patient safety
  - Just culture and support for the Second Victim
  - How professional organization have responded to medical errors
  - Examples of similar cases and the risk of cases being brought against nurses for medical errors in the future
  - Steps you can take to reduce your criminal liability
  - How to become involved in addressing the issue of criminalization of medical errors
Your generous donation will be instrumental in the development of new programs such as our new grant program, products and services that will enable us to sustain our efforts in strengthening gerontological nursing development and leadership.

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