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**15th Annual Nursing Research & EBP Conference Held
Advancing Nursing: Innovation & Outcomes
May 5, 2014**



The nursing division of LLUMC in collaboration with the nursing research & EBP council, Gamma Alpha Chapter and the LLU school of nursing presented a wonderful annual conference at the Wong Kerlee International Conference Center. There were over 110 attendees. Eighteen posters were presented (10 on EBP and 8 research). Ten of the 18 posters had authors/contributors that were Gamma Alpha members!

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Rosemary White-Traut,
PhD, RN, FAAN

Director of Nursing Re-
search, Children's Hos-
pital of Wisconsin

"Multisensory Interven-
tions in Premature In-
fants"



Judy Storfjell PhD,
RN, FAAN

Senior Vice President,
CNO of Patient Care
services LLUMC

"Health Systems Re-
search"

CHAPTER POSTER PRESENTERS



Lynette Sandiford 1st place award for "Prostate Cancer Screening Intervention with African American Men "

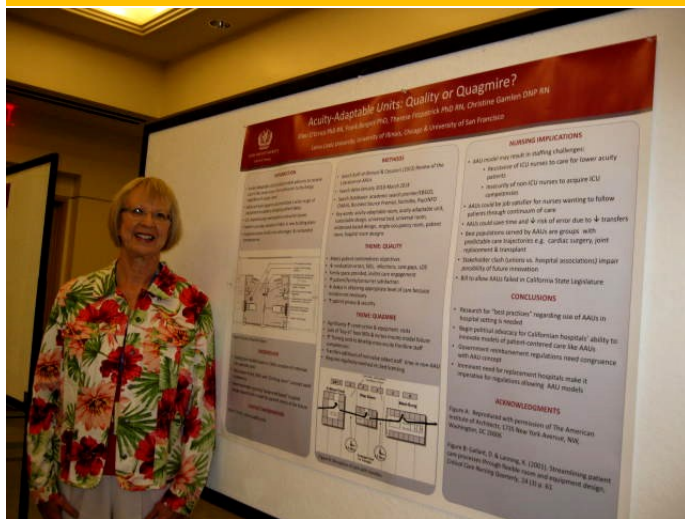


Cherie Perfanco, "Transition Power: A Concept Exploration"

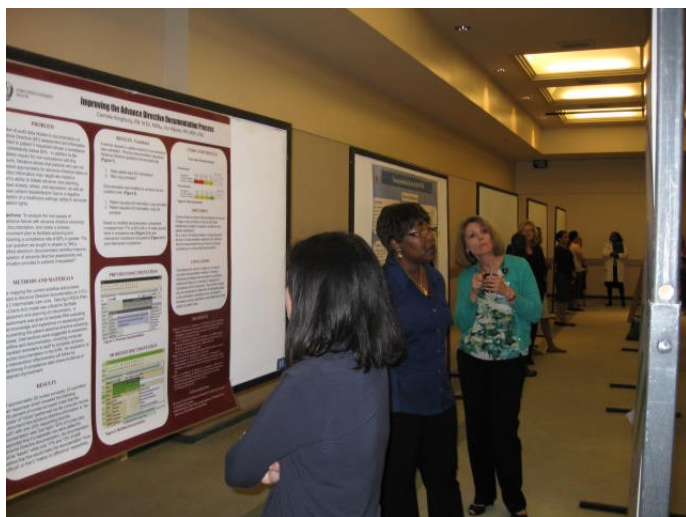


Ashley Elston-Hurdle, "A Systematic Approach to Delirium and Sedation"

MORE SCENES FROM RESEARCH DAY



- Ellen D'Errico, "Acuity-Adaptable Units: Quality or Quagmire"?
- Everyone enjoyed looking at the posters. It is wonderful to see the innovation going on! The day included a tasty lunch.
- Our faithful support vendor "Books R Fun" was with us again this year.
- Gamma Alpha Chapter information table invites nurse leaders to apply to membership of the honor society.



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

June 10, 2014— ANNUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY 4:30–5:45 PM Chan Auditorium, Loma Linda Elementary School 10656 Anderson St. Corner of Anderson St. and Academy Way Loma Linda, CA 92354

June 19, 2014 — Transitional Board Meeting, West Hall Room 1201 11:30-1PM, bring a dish to share

October 5, 2014 — 6th Annual Believe and Walk for a Cure, downtown Redlands, California 8AM. Pre-register for STTI Team Gamma Alpha at:

http://www.believeinlandempire.com/site/TR/Events/BelieveWalk?team_id=5912&pg=team&fr_id=1060 We've raised \$155 of our \$500 goal already! Join us!

November 12 & 13, 2014 —Nursing Odyssey Region 2 Joint Chapters Research and Innovation Conference, Doubletree Hotel, Ontario, CA



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING HELD APRIL 24, 2014

After a delicious supper, members in attendance settled down for a report on all of this year's activities. It was a busy biennium year, so there was much to report on a local, regional, national and international level. Financially, our chapter has been well managed. There is no outstanding debt, and funds held in a bank savings account have been moved to the LLU foundation where the chapter will receive a better rate of interest. There were some simple, non-controversial "tweaks" to the international By-Laws, and our chapter By-Laws required no new additions or deletions. A report was given by Asma Taha and Ellen D'Errico on their recently completed Nurse-Faculty Leadership Academy. Members were provided with information on applying to STTI's leadership academies. Our membership report summary stated that active membership is 1/4 of total number inducted since inception. This seems to be consistent from year to year. Active members = 356, inactive = 1346. There were 133 students invited to accept membership this year; 53 were undergraduates and 76 were graduate students. The chapter needs to strategize to find ways to reach out to inactive members and induct more nurse leaders. The election was held and new board members are: Eileen Fry-Bowers (VP), Megan Volkov (secretary), Lisa Roberts, Kim Buck, Noel Thakkar, (governance), Cora Caballero, (leadership succession), and Vanessa Jones (1st year faculty counselor). Door prizes were given out this year!





Top: Members in attendance at annual business meeting.



Left top: Iris Mamier reporting on her podium presentation at the STTI 34th International Nursing Research Congress in Prague last summer on spirituality and nursing.



Left Bottom: Patti Radovich reporting on her dissertation research: "Risk Perception Among International College Students Who Travel" AND a poster presented at the 8th National ANA Quality Conference in Phoenix, AZ, "Small Troubles Adaptive Responses 2: Network Study Participation—One Site's Results"

2014-2015 Gamma Alpha Board Members

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COUNSELOR

Vanessa Jones-Oyetero—1st year faculty counselor

Fayette Truax—2nd year faculty counselor

NEWSLETTER

Ellen D'Errico

“People often say that motivation doesn’t last. Well, neither does bathing—that’s why we recommend it daily.” —Zig Ziglar