2015 CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

An Evidence-Based Practice ToolKit for Bedside Nurses

PURPOSE: A conference for all nurses who are interested in conducting nursing research, promoting quality improvement, and embracing evidence-based practice in clinical healthcare settings including clinical nurses, administrators, managers, clinical nurse specialists, educators, researchers, and students.

9th Annual Conference
Kennesaw State University (KSU) Conference Center
Kennesaw, Georgia
3333 Busbee Drive; Kennesaw, GA 30144

OCTOBER 23, 2015
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Evidence-Based Practice/Nursing Research Conference

2015 Keynote Speakers

Morning Keynote Speaker: Pat Quigley, PhD, MPH, ARNP, CRRN, FAAN, FAANP
ACNSR/Associate Director VISN 8 Patient Safety Center of Inquiry, James A. Haley VAMC;
HSR&D/RR&D Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research VISN 8,
Tampa, FL

Lunch Keynote Speaker: Susan A. Bethel, MSN, RN, NE-BC
Manager of Nursing Scholarship & Research; Greenville Health System, Greenville, SC

Closing Keynote Speaker: Barbara McLean, MN, RN, CCNS-BC, NP-BC, CCRN, FCCM
Critical Care Clinical Specialist; Critical Care Division, Grady Health Systems, Atlanta, GA

Conference Registration
Registration Cost (includes continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks)
$85 per person/$65.00 (student)

Conference brochure, directions, hotel, abstract template information may be accessed at:
www.wellstar.org/nursingresearchconference

Jointly sponsored by:
Atlanta VA Medical Center - Emory Healthcare - Georgia Baptist College of Nursing
WellStar Health System - WellStar School of Nursing at Kennesaw State University
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: Deadline for Abstract Submissions - May 15, 2015

You are invited to submit an abstract for a concurrent oral session or poster presentation. Appropriate projects should reflect the conference purpose and pertain to evidence-based practice, quality improvement, or nursing research in clinical healthcare settings. Both novice and expert nurses are encouraged to submit work.

- Previously presented and/or previously published projects may be submitted.
- Research studies, evidence-based practice projects, and quality improvement projects will be considered.
- Only completed projects will be considered for oral podium presentations.
- Student work will be considered for poster presentations only.
- Oral podium presentations are limited to 20 minutes plus 10 minutes for audience response (30 minutes total).
- Poster presentation may include projects that are completed or in-process.
- More than one abstract per agency or author may be submitted.
- All abstracts will be reviewed and selected by a peer-review committee.
- All presenters must register for the conference. Presenters are expected to assume costs related to travel, accommodations, and registration.

Guidelines for Submission

Please download the ToolKit Abstract Submission Template from the conference website at www.wellstar.org/nursingresearchconference

Abstract review criteria can also be found on the conference website.

The first page of the abstract should include the following information:

- Designate Podium Only, Poster Only, or Both Podium or Poster Presentation
- Title of the project
- Presenter(s) and Co-presenter(s) Name(s) and Title(s)
- Institutional Affiliation(s)
- Preferred mailing address (Primary Presenter)
- Daytime Phone Number (Primary Presenter)
- E-Mail Address (Primary Presenter)
- For podium oral session: provide a 150-word introduction for the presenter(s)

The second page of the abstract should not contain any identifying information for the authors or institution. Select the type of presentation (podium, poster, or both), add the abstract title and begin the abstract text. Abstract text is limited to 300 words or less using Microsoft Word. Font size should be 12 point with 1” margins on all four sides of the paper. All components of the abstract template below must be included in the abstract for consideration.

Title, Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion, Word Count

Submit Toolkit Abstract Submission Template document as an email attachment to: Dr. Lanell Bellury at bellury_LM@mercer.edu