Speak up for Safety

N&PCS celebrates National Patient Safety Week

(see story on page 4)

Speaking up for safety are (top row, l-r): Karen Miguel, RN, staff specialist; Judi Carr, RN, staff specialist; Dena Alioto, senior director of Pharmacy; Jen Albert, RN, clinical educator; Ruth Bryan, RN, patient safety staff specialist; and Colleen Snydeman, RN, director, Nursing & Patient Care Services Office of Quality & Safety. Above: nursing director, Vivien Donahue, RN; and staff nurses, Susan Gordon, RN; and Carolyn Rebholtz, RN. At left: National Patient Safety Week event, Speak up for Safety, in O’Keeffe Auditorium.
The Clinical Recognition Program Survey
ensuring the process is meaningful and accessible to staff

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The Clinical Recognition Program (CRP) was created in 2002 as a way to formally recognize professional clinical staff for their expertise. As part of the program, clinical staff from Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Respiratory Care, Social Work, and Speech-Language Pathology analyze their practice and seek formal recognition for the level of practice they’ve achieved.

Over the years, we’ve employed a number of methods to ascertain staff’s perceptions of the Clinical Recognition Program to ensure that the process is meaningful and accessible. Last year, surveys were sent to more than 3,800 clinical staff in the disciplines listed above to get their feedback on the program. More than 1,100 clinicians (29.5%) responded.

The results of the Clinical Recognition Program Survey have been shared at numerous meetings and forums throughout Nursing & Patient Care Services by Gaurdia Banister, RN, executive director for The Institute for Patient Care. Staff told us that the Clinical Recognition Program allowed them to reflect on their practice, validated their accomplishments, and encouraged them to seek opportunities for professional growth. Respondents spoke of managers, supervisors, and colleagues who guided and encouraged them through the process. They expressed appreciation for resources available at the unit and department level as well as on the CRP website.

It was interesting to see that there are a number of misconceptions about the program, so I want to address some of those here. For instance, some respondents spoke of trepidation about the interview process, thinking it was some sort of stressful examination. When in fact, the vast majority of respondents who participated in interviews found it more of an informal conversation, describing members of the Review Board as warm and welcoming.

When we originally developed the Clinical Recognition Program, we knew that some clinicians would be more comfortable writing about their practice while others would be more comfortable talking about it. That’s why the application process is comprised of a written portfolio as well as an interview—so clinicians can share their practice in the way that’s most natural for them.

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Many people find that participating in a mock interview prior to meeting with the Review Board can help them feel more confident. Your manager or supervisor can help you arrange one. It can be especially helpful to do a mock interview with someone outside your discipline who’ll be more curious about your work and your practice.

Some survey respondents wondered why members of the interview team were from outside their own discipline; wondering whether they were equipped to evaluate their practice. The Clinical Recognition Program is a multi-disciplinary program that reflects how clinicians throughout Patient Care Services care for patients as a team. All lead interviewers are members of the applicant’s discipline, and any discipline-specific questions are deferred to Review-Board members of that same discipline.

There were a number of questions and comments about the salary increase associated with recognition. Many thought it was too small to make a difference. But that’s very short-term thinking. A 3% or 6% increase in base salary grows as you receive additional salary increases throughout your career. Just like money you put into retirement accounts, it grows proportionally over the years. I don’t know about you, but any opportunity to increase my earnings seems like a good idea; especially when it’s combined with recognition of excellent practice.

The survey also revealed some mis-perceptions about the number of clinicians who aren’t recognized. In the past two years, 120 clinicians applied for clinical recognition, and only six were denied. Of those six, two have since re-applied and been recognized. I know it can be disheartening to submit a portfolio and not be recognized, but it’s important to remember that the Clinical Recognition Program is based on reflection and professional development. Anyone who isn’t recognized (and that number is very small) should speak with the lead interviewer to understand why they weren’t recognized and to ensure they’ll be successful next time.

All applicants have an opportunity to have their portfolios evaluated in a blind ‘pre-review’ process. This allows clinicians to get feedback on their portfolios from former Review-Board members before actually submitting it for consideration. Directors, clinical specialists, nurse practice specialists, and clinical scholars are invited to observe these pre-reviews to better understand the criteria and process.

If the Clinical Recognition Program has shown us anything, it’s that valuable contributions are made by staff at all levels of practice. And after 15 years, we continue to celebrate those contributions throughout Nursing & Patient Care Services. For more information about the Clinical Recognition Program Survey, contact Gaurdia Banister at 617-724-1266.

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this year, for National Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 13-17th, the Nursing & Patient Care Services Office of Quality & Safety in an inter-disciplinary collaboration, highlighted the complexities of safety events in the March 15th session, “Speak up for Safety: Anatomy of a Safety Event.”

The session began with the new Speak Up For Safety video sponsored by the N&PCS Quality & Safety Committee. Following the video, a panel of nurses, content experts, Quality & Safety leaders, and a pharmacist shared stories illustrating how one voice can impact the care of a single patient and/or systems throughout the entire Partners’ enterprise.

In her remarks, director of the N&PCS Office of Quality & Safety, Colleen Snydeman, RN, noted, “Culture is local. How we think and collaborate at the unit level is the norm for the way we do things around here.” Snydeman shared the key components of a high-reliability organization. High-reliability organizations are preoccupied with failure, embracing the belief that errors may never be completely eliminated. High-reliability organizations are obsessed with talking about errors, learning from them, and discovering ways to improve the systems that support the way we work and live every day.

Snydeman shared that N&PCS staff were responsible for more than 2/3 of the 21,000 MGH safety reports filed in 2016. The highest areas of focus were medication and IV safety, care service coordination, and skin/tissue issues.

Two staff nurses on the panel recounted their experience with a near-miss involving a medication label. Shortly after the October eCare upgrade, two staff nurses on two different units, Susan Gordon, RN, Ellison 9, and Carolyn Rebholz, RN, Blake 8, realized that pharmacy labels on continuous medication infusions were no longer displaying the total drug amount. That meant that nurses had to calculate dosing in order to program large-volume pumps.

Said Gordon, “I was taking care of a pretty sick patient on high-dose levo that day. Two other seasoned nurses were with me at the large-volume...continued on next page
infusion pump. We were using a calculator to figure out the dosing, and I thought, there’s something wrong with this—three veteran nurses and a calculator, and we’re having difficulty?”

Vivian Donahue, RN, nursing director for both Ellison 9 and Blake 8, in reviewing safety reports and listening to feedback from nurses on both units, began to ‘connect the dots.’ She realized this wasn’t an isolated case. She immediately brought the issue to both the N&PCS Office of Quality & Safety and the MGH Center for Quality & Safety to ensure the issue was communicated throughout the organization as quickly as possible.

Ruth Bryan, RN, staff specialist, in the Center for Quality & Safety, convened representatives from Nursing, Pharmacy, Nursing Informatics, Quality & Safety, and hospital leadership to de-brief.

Said Jennifer Albert, RN, staff nurse and infusion pump specialist, “As soon as I saw the pictures, I knew right away what the problem was.”

The meeting resulted in short- and long-term actions. The group outlined concerns and accelerated a request for revisions to the labels on all medications involved. A Practice Alert was circulated to raise awareness among staff; the Practice Alert was followed soon after by a Practice Update outlining the changes that had been made to medication labels. These corrections were possible because staff identified a risk, and the responding group worked quickly and collaboratively to make the necessary changes.

A strong safety culture openly embraces the reporting of safety concerns, a non-punitive response to errors, and a focus on systems improvement. In health care, ‘close calls’ are 30 to 300 times more frequent than events that result in actual harm or those in which patients experience an adverse outcome.

Opportunities to enhance safety can only be acted upon when every member of the workforce is willing to ‘speak up’ about the risks they encounter and share that information broadly. Every employee has the power to make care safer for patients and families, sometimes by simply asking the question, ‘Does this make sense?’ If/when you encounter a scenario that concerns you, file a safety report.

For more information, contact Karen Miguel, RN, staff specialist, at 617-726-2657. The Speak up for Safety video can be accessed at: https://www.dropbox.com/s/6z99xn79dm8z5fo/SafetyMASTERfin.mp4?dl=0.
In 1916, what would come to be known as, ‘The Great War,’ had been roiling throughout Europe for more than two years. The United States had not yet entered the conflict, but Massachusetts General Hospital was in the process of increasing capacity with construction of the Moseley Memorial Building, converting part of the Bulfinch Building to a patient care area, and preparing to open the Phillips House a year later. As patient admissions increased, the MGH School of Nursing expanded to be able to provide additional ‘pupil nurses’ to staff the new wards. Prior to 1925, the nursing staff at MGH consisted almost entirely of students, and head nurses were typically graduates of the MGH School of Nursing.

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Telegram from Clara Noyes, head of Nursing at the American Red Cross directing Sara Parsons to activate MGH Base Hospital No. 6 Unit.
In April, 1917, the United States officially entered the war, and a month later, Parsons received a telegram from Clara A. Noyes, head of Nursing at the American Red Cross. She directed Parsons to activate the unit and ensure that all nurses had the appropriate vaccinations and could meet the physical requirements set by the government. Of the 64 nurses activated, 55 were MGH graduates; three were graduates of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital School of Nursing, chosen for their advanced training in infectious diseases; and four were graduates of Children’s Hospital School of Nursing. Most had graduated within the previous five to ten years; 38 had held positions as head nurse, supervisor, superintendent or director. These nurses would be working together for the first time as part of an all-RN nursing staff directly at the patients’ bedside.

On June 29, 1917, the nurses of Base Hospital No. 6 left Boston for New York. On July 11th, they boarded the RMS Aurania, which took them safely around the coast of Ireland, an area that Winston Churchill had dubbed, “the cemetery of British shipping.” It was here that the HMS Lusitania was torpedoed two years before and the Aurania itself would be torpedoed seven months later. The MGH nurses arrived safely in Le Havre and Talence, France, where for the next 19 months they cared for soldiers brought in convoys from the front lines. Some of the Bordeaux Belles (as they called themselves) were dispatched to care for patients on hospital trains; others joined mobile surgical teams; while others set up public health units to care for refugees of war.

On November 11, 1918, as the Armistice was being signed, Base Hospital No. 6 was actively caring for 4,319 wounded and/or influenza-stricken patients. The Bordeaux Belles returned to Base Hospital No. 6, and when it closed two months later, the teams had cared for 24,122 patients.

This story coincides with the 100th anniversary of the United States entering World War I. Look for other installments from the MGH Nursing History Committee in future issues of Caring Headlines. For more information, contact Georgia Peirce, special projects manager, at 617-724-9865.
Therapist tailors treatment to help patient overcome pulmonary limitations

‘Lucy’ was a 72-year-old writer and artist referred to MGH Physical Therapy for pulmonary rehab for breathlessness related to sarcoidosis, a progressive, restrictive lung disease, and pulmonary hypertension, both known to impact lung capacity and oxygenation. Six years ago, Lucy had been able to make the four-flight climb to her artist studio with no difficulty. Despite interval CT and spirometric evidence of disease progression, it wasn’t until this year that she began to notice a change in her quality of life.

When I met Lucy in the reception area, she was hunched over in a wheelchair with supplemental oxygen. During her examination, I asked about her functional limitations related to her breathing and found she’d been slowly decreasing activity over the last eight months. She was now mostly homebound, leaving home only for medical appointments and with assistance. As I listened to her story, Lucy continuously cleared her throat and occasionally took gasping breaths. I placed the pulse oximeter on her finger to assess her oxygen levels and found that her levels were stable. She expressed worry over her declining function, which appeared to precipitate or exacerbate the gasping episodes.

Based on my evaluation, and especially her gasping breaths and significant worry over her functional limitations, I wondered if Lucy’s anxiety was playing a prominent role in her dyspnea (uncomfortable breathing). Often, patients receiving pulmonary rehab fall victim to ‘the dyspnea cycle.’ They become short of breath with activity, then limit those activities because of fear or anxiety around expected breathlessness. This, in turn, causes progressively more shortness of breath with progressively less activity. The result is a downward spiral of functional loss, and I suspected Lucy may already have begun this decline. While some degree of anxiety is to be expected in patients with multiple pulmonary diseases, Lucy’s level of anxiety was a significant prognosticator of her rehab potential.

Based on my concerns, I consulted a senior physical therapist colleague and Lucy’s referring pulmonologist to develop a plan of care. I learned from her pulmonologist that Lucy’s anxiety and depression were being monitored and managed by another healthcare professional. I was going to have to take a more gradual approach to her rehabilitation so as not to overwhelm her and add to her anxiety. In contrast with the typical pulmonary rehab course of two or three visits a week for 12 weeks in a group setting, I felt Lucy would benefit from less frequent, individual sessions so as not to overwhelm her and add to her anxiety. In contrast with the typical pulmonary rehab course of two or three visits a week for 12 weeks in a group setting, I felt Lucy would benefit from less frequent, individual sessions so as not
She’s no longer slouched in a wheelchair; she sits upright in a regular chair, eagerly awaiting her appointment to which she walks without assistance. More importantly, Lucy is now able to go grocery shopping for the first time in two years and is taking small walks in her neighborhood. It would have been impossible to someone in her situation eight months prior. Lucy’s heightened anxiety had a greater impact on her function and progress than is typical; however, anxiety and depression frequently accompany chronic lung disease. It’s incumbent on physical therapists to recognize when emotional health may be impacting function or patients’ ability to care for themselves. In the past year, Physical Therapy has worked closely with Social Work to determine the best screening tools and educational strategies to identify and address anxiety and depression in pulmonary-rehabilitation patients. Working with Lucy reinforced the importance of recognizing emotional barriers and getting support as early as possible.

Comments by Jeanette Ives Erickson, RN, senior vice president for Patient Care and chief nurse

This narrative is a wonderful glimpse into the delicate balance between challenging patients so they can achieve their highest level of recovery and recognizing when competing factors may impact their progress. Jessica masterfully helped Lucy move beyond fear and anxiety to achieve her optimal level of function. And working with Social Work to develop better screening and educational tools is an extension of her commitment to care for this patient population.

Thank-you, Jessica.
The Next Generation of Nurses

Future nurse learns about humility and engagement

In the Maternal Child Health course taught by Mimi Pomerleau, RN, and Kristine Ruggiero, RN, at the MGH Institute of Health Professions, students were asked to reflect on how they link nursing theory to nursing practice and about the core virtues they’re developing as a result of their clinical experiences.

The following reflection was written by student, Amy Smith.

could feel the excitement as I entered the room. The couple was receptive to my questions and suggestions, and the patient was more than happy to involve me in her care. I tried to build a rapport, even though I was nervous in my role as a nursing student. This was the first time I’d assisted with a woman in labor, and after her membranes had been artificially ruptured, her contractions started to come relatively quickly — now about two minutes apart. At one point, I was stroking the patient’s back, and her husband discreetly motioned for me to stop. It was a great moment of connection between me and the support person. I remained quiet during the patient’s contractions then asked if she wanted me to breathe with her, but she said she had it under control.

I thought back to my own labor experiences and what I might have wanted from support people. I assumed their skill at working through labor was limited. But they did have some tools: prenatal yoga practice and music they’d brought from home helped her remain calm and focused during contractions.

Reflecting on this experience, I believe the virtues I used were humility and engagement. Humility, in that I had to understand that I didn’t know what was best for this particular family. I thought they might want or need what I needed during childbirth. I thought they might benefit from some of the comfort measures I’d learned prior to this clinical experience. But the patient knew what she wanted and needed, and I was there to support her.

I was lucky that she was a great communicator and her partner’s demeanor had a very calming influence. Respecting their wishes made it possible to engage more fully with this family.

Before I left, they told me, “We feel like we had our own doula” [a woman trained to assist and support another woman during childbirth]. It was a pleasure to engage with this couple, help meet their needs, and feel empowered through my nursing education to offer suggestions. Unfortunately, I had to leave before the baby was born, but never before had I wanted to stay at a clinical so much. I’ll always remember the three of them.
Celebrating one year of eCare
entering the optimization phase; reviewing and prioritizing potential improvements

Question: How would you describe our first year with eCare?
Jeanette: It’s hard to believe it’s been a whole year since we went live with Partners eCare. I’d say the initial implementation phase was characterized by rapid change and hard work as challenges were addressed and overcome. As we moved into the stabilization phase, there were fewer issues, and they were less disruptive. Now, at our one-year anniversary, we’re entering the optimization phase. We’ll continue to make improvements to the system and strive to improve clinician efficiency.

Question: What will optimization look like?
Jeanette: Now that we’ve had time to work with the system, several groups are meeting to review and prioritize changes to improve how eCare functions. Nursing & Patient Care Services participates in these hospital review sessions, and the inter-disciplinary N&PCS Informatics Committee and super-users continue to meet regularly to exchange ideas and information. We’ll soon be piloting a program pairing informatics nurses with members of the Service Now team to round on units and talk with staff about their experience with eCare. We’re hoping this program will help identify opportunities for change and improve satisfaction with the system.

Question: How is inter-disciplinary care and collaboration documented in eCare?
Jeanette: With eCare, the electronic health record (EHR) truly belongs to the patient, with all disciplines having access. Each discipline’s work is visible to all members of the team, and having a single electronic record enhances continuity and patient safety. A patient can be seen by her primary care provider, go to the Emergency Department, have surgery, recover on an inpatient unit, and return to her primary care provider after discharge. All those interactions, orders, reports, notes, etc. reside in one electronic record with shared documentation and access by caregivers. The Patient Story report pulls together plan of care issues, medications, nursing progress notes, and vital signs, and the Huddle Tool pulls together aspects of discharge-planning among providers, nursing, and health professionals.

The system doesn’t eliminate the need for clinicians to communicate with each other or with patients and families, but it is an incredible tool for recording and sharing information.

Question: How can staff communicate feedback and ideas for optimization?
Jeanette: Several mechanisms are in place for staff to provide feedback and suggestions. Service Now tickets can be entered at any time to be reviewed by the MGH eCare support team. Staff can reach out to their N&PCS Informatics Committee representatives or call N&PCS Informatics at 617-724-3561.
On Thursday, March 16, 2017, Nursing & Patient Care Services celebrated national Certified Nurses Day with a special Nursing Grand Rounds. Diane Hanley, RN, president-elect of the American Nurses Association of Massachusetts, spoke on the theoretical and practical perspectives of professionalism and advocacy as outlined in the nursing Code of Ethics, the Nurse of the Future Nursing Core Competencies, and the Magnet Recognition Program. Hanley discussed the importance of nurses mentoring both new and experienced nurses; the role of professional associations in promoting safe, high-quality care; and the need to be informed about health policy. She reviewed several pending bills that will have direct impact on the practice of nursing here in Massachusetts.

Gaurdia Banister, RN, executive director of The Institute for Patient Care, used the occasion to present the inaugural Jean Ridgway Tienken MGH School of Nursing Class of 1945 Certification Scholarship. This new scholarship was created by the Tienken family as a tribute to their late mother. The scholarship will support several nurses each year to be able to attend certification review courses in their specialty areas in preparation for their certification exams. The inaugural recipients were: Natalia DeMatteo, RN; Brittany Durgin, RN; Jillian Hegarty, RN; Christine Marmen, RN; and Danielle Theriault, RN.

Scholarship criteria center on four qualities that defined Ridgway Tienken’s professional life: a commitment to providing extraordinary patient- and family-centered care; a commitment to extraordinary service; caring and compassion; and a well-designed plan for self-development.

The Jean Ridgway Tienken MGH School of Nursing Class of 1945 Certification Scholarship will be awarded annually as part of the N&PCS celebration of Certified Nurse Day. The next call for applicants will go out in early December. For more information on certification, go to the professional development page of the Excellence Every Day portal at http://www.mghpcs.org/eed_portal.
Every March, the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (SGNA) celebrates GI Nurses and Associates Week. This year, on March 21st, staff in the Endoscopy Unit celebrated with an informational table outside of Eat Street Café.

Since March is also Colon Cancer Awareness Month, the Planning Committee chose to focus on this important aspect of GI care with educational materials and posters containing information on colon-cancer screenings and colonoscopies. Posters displayed pictures of staff in each of the Endoscopy Units: Blake 4; the Charles River Endoscopy Unit; and the Pediatric Endoscopy Suite on Gray 4. An informational video showed a mock endoscopy visit, following a fictional patient from arrival, through the procedure, to discharge.

The Planning Committee was comprised of: Janet King, RN; Deborah Meade, RN; Tiffany Torres, ST; Stephanie Tsacogianis, ST; Ellen Fern, RN; Debbie Shahidi, RN; Alice Sickey, ST; Lori Allen, GIT; and June Guarente, RN.

For more information, call 617-726-3732.

Below (l-r): June Guarente, RN; Heidi Pfeifer, RN; and Tiffany Torres, ST, staff informational booth in the Main Corridor during GI Nurses and Associates Week. Below right: Pfeifer and Torres show their Endoscopy pride.
Appointments

Zary Amirhosseini
Member, Technical Working Group
Department of Labor
Washington, DC
December 15, 2016

Sarah Keegan Argyropoulos, RN
Board of Directors, Division of Gastroenterology
New England Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates
January, 2017

Ellen Fern, RN
President
New England Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates
January, 2017

June Guarante, RN
Board of Directors
New England Regional Society of Gastrointestinal Nurses and Associates
January, 2017

Catherine Holley, RN
Co-Chair, Massachusetts Chapter of Lymphatic Education and Research Network
February, 2017

Linda Kelly, RN
Member, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
January, 2017

Barbara E. Moscowitz, LICSW
Acute Care Advisory Committee, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Alzheimer’s and Related Dementias

Lynn B. Oertel, RN
Nurse representative for the Initiation of Therapy Workgroup on Anticoagulation, Task Force on Health Policy Statements and Systems of Care, American College of Cardiology

Margaret Doyle Settle, RN,
Advisor, Moral Resilience
Professional Issues Committee
American Nurses Association
January, 2017

Poster Presentations

Maureen Hemingway, RN
“A Pilot Study to Assess Nurses’ Attitudes toward Multidisciplinary Team Training”
International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare
Orlando, Florida

Leslie Milne, MD
Dawn Williamson, RN
Rebecca Klug, RN
Ines Luciani-McGillivray, RN
Kim Cosetti, RN
Jane Reardon, RN
Patricia Mian, RN
Curtis Wittmann, MD
William McLaughlin
Samantha Stoll, MD
David Peak, MD
Jason Parente, PA
Steve McHugh
Theodore Benzer, MD
Mary Fran Hughes, RN
Laura Prager, MD
“Improved Care of the Impaired Patient”
National Emergency Nurses Association
Los Angeles, September, 2016

Presentations

Linda Kane, LCSW
“The Role of Advocate in the Emergency Department”
National Patient Advocacy Conference
Las Vegas, December, 2016

Denise Flaherty, RN
“The Role of Advocate as Human Rights Officer”
National Patient Advocacy Conference
Las Vegas, December, 2016

Daniel D. Yeh, MD
Ellen Robinson, RN
Britney Grazio, RN
Caitlin Laidlaw, LICSW
Benjamin Hollingsworth, RN
Kathleen Buckley, RN
“Challenging Care: Facilitation and Expectations of the Family Meeting”

Jessica Driscoll, RN
“Coping with Moderate and Severe Chronic Graft-Versus-Host Disease: a Qualitative Study”
American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplant Tandem Meetings
Orlando, Florida, February 2017

Catherine Holley, RN
“Living With Lymphedema: One Nurse’s Journey as Patient and Advocate”
Lymphatic Education and Research Network
Live Webinar: Symposium Series
January, 2017

Catherine Holley, RN
“Lymphedema: My Story”
Nurse and Medical Professional Lymphedema Conference
Lighthouse Lymphedema Network
Atlanta, Georgia, March, 2017

Publications

Cheryl Cirillo, RN
Kim Francis, RN
“Does Breast Milk Affect Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Severity? the Need for Pharmacologic Therapy and Length of Stay for Infants of Mothers on Opioid Maintenance Therapy During Pregnancy”
Advances in Neonatal Care
October, 2016

Paul Arinstein, RN
“Keeping Pain a Priority”
Clinician Reviews
January, 2017

Margaret Doyle Settle, RN
Amanda Bulette Coakley, RN
Christine Donahue Annese, RN
Creating Nursing, 2017

Certification

Marjorie Voltero, RN
GI Endoscopy Informatics Nursing
November, 2016

Kate Dalzell, RN.
General Medicine Addictions Nursing
October, 2016

James Ehrich, RN
Burns & Plastics Unit Critical Care Nursing
February, 2017

M. Ellen Kinnealey, RN
Perioperative Nursing Informatics
February, 2017

Ellison 17 nurses:
Elise Burge, RN
Alyssa Hurley, RN
Jordan Mikula, RN
Allison Morris, RN
Becca Muise, RN
Erin Tancrreti, RN
Kim Waugh, RN
Pediatric Nursing

Ellison 18 nurses:
Emily Bombadeiri, RN
Elizabeth Corrieri, RN
Joanne Depalma, RN
Anne Fonseca, RN
Vira Kou, RN
Joanne Prendergast, RN
Pediatric Nursing

(Submit professional achievements to Georgia Peirce at gwpeirce@partners.org)
Announcements

Blum Center Events

“Skin Cancer and Sun Safety”
Friday, April 21, 2017
12:00–1:00pm
Join Shadi Kourosh, MD, to learn more about current research and recommendations on skin cancer screening and prevention.

“Sleeping Better: Help for Long-Term Insomnia”
Thursday, April 27th
12:00–1:00pm
Join Kathleen Ulman for a presentation and short video on treatments for insomnia and how to get better sleep.

No registration required.
All sessions held in the Blum Patient & Family Learning Center.
For more information, call 4-3823.

Stand Against Racism

“Healing Racism: Skill-Building through Crucial Conversations,” a presentation by Teja Arboleda, multi-media diversity specialist, along with interactive exercises to promote discussion and learning.

The event is sponsored by the Nursing & Patient Care Services Diversity Program in collaboration with the Emergency Department Diversity and Inclusion Committee, the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, MGH Psychiatry Center for Diversity, MGH Executive Committee on Diversity, the Center for Community Health Improvement, the Executive Committee on Community Health, and the Disparities Solutions Center at MGH.

Wednesday, April 26, 2017
2:00-3:00pm
O’Keeffe Auditorium

For more information, call Deborah Washington, RN, director, N&PCS Diversity Program, at 617-724-7469.

Advance Care Planning Booth

The N&PCS Ethics in Clinical Practice Committee will sponsor its 17th annual Advance Care Planning Booth with information about advance care planning for patients, visitors, and staff.

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
8:00am–3:00pm
Main Corridor

The booth coincides with National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD), whose theme this year is, “It always seems too early, until it’s too late.”

NHDD is a national initiative to try to demystify healthcare decision-making, encourage patients to express their wishes about advance care planning, and increase awareness about respecting those wishes.

Information packets will be available with copies of the Massachusetts Health Care Proxy Form, a list of helpful websites, and information about the role of the healthcare proxy and the advanced care planning process.

To learn more, about NHDD, go to: www.nhdd.com.

For more information, contact Cindy Lasala, RN, at 617-643-0481.

ACLS classes

Two-day certification program
Day one: June 12, 2017
8:00am–3:00pm
Day two: June 13, 2017
8:00am–1:00pm

Re-certification (one-day class):
April 12, 2017
5:30–10:30pm

Location to be announced.

For information, send e-mail to: aclst@partners.org, or call 617-726-3905

To register, go to:
http://www.mgh.harvard.edu/emergencymedicine/assets/Library/ACLS_registration%20 form.pdf.

AMMP Scholarship

2017 AMMP Scholarship
(Association of Multicultural Members of Partners) Scholarship Opportunity

Are you an AMMP member?
Are you currently in school?
The AMMP scholarship was established as part of AMMP’s mission to support the educational goals of members and assist in their pursuit of degrees and training at colleges and universities.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2017 AMMP scholarship.

Applications are available at the Employee Access Center in Bulfinch 107 or on the AMMP website at: http://AMMP.massgeneral.org

Review application for eligibility.

For more information, go to the AMMP website at http://AMMP.massgeneral.org or call AMMP Scholarship chair, Sandra Thomas, at 617-643-0140.

Application deadline is Wednesday, July 12, 2017.

2017 Staff Perceptions of the Professional Practice Environment Survey

The 2017 Staff Perceptions of the Professional Practice Environment Survey (SPPPE) has been e-mailed to staff in Nursing and Patient Care Services. It will remain in the field through the end of April.

The survey takes approximately 45 minutes to complete and provides leadership with an assessment of organizational characteristics influencing staffs’ perceptions of and satisfaction with the MGH professional practice environment.

Survey results are examined by leadership across N&PCS, used to guide strategic planning and help monitor the impact of changes made to improve professional practice across the work environment.

All survey responses are important. Every voice counts.

All answers are confidential; no individual data will be reported unless agreed to by the participant at the start of the survey. Data from the survey are reported at three organizational levels: N&PCS; discipline-specific; and unit-level. Information shared with leadership will also be discussed with staff in unit and department meetings.

For more information, contact Dorothy Jones, RN, director emerita and senior nurse scientist, Yvonne Munn Center for Nursing Research, at 617-724-9340.
## Inpatient HCAHPS

### Current data

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<tr>
<th>HCAHPS Measure</th>
<th>CY 2015</th>
<th>CY 2016 Year-to-date (as of 3/17/17)</th>
<th>% Point Change</th>
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<td>Nurse Communication Composite</td>
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<td>Room Clean</td>
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All results reflect top-box (or 'Always' response) percentages.

Data is complete for calendar year, 2016. Scores for Discharge Information and Overall Hospital Rating exceeded targets, and Nurse Communication met target. All other scores were within two percentage points of targets, most within one percentage point.