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CARE PROVIDER ORDER ENTRY
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NATIONAL NURSES WEEK 2011
National Nurses Week was celebrated May 6 – May 12. For details and award recipients, please click here.

EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE
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HIP-HIP HOORAY!
Children’s has joined with more than 80 other children’s hospitals across the country in a study that aims to eradicate central-line associated blood stream infections (CLASBI). As a result, our three participating units have lowered line infection rates by more than 50 percent and the PICU celebrated an infection-free year!!!! Click here to read the full press release.

SCHOOL NURSE WORKSHOP 2011
The School Nurse Workshop was held June 29 and July 27, 2011 in the Bradley Lecture Center. Once again, the program was well attended and nurses were most appreciative of the learning/hands-on learning opportunity.

Thank you for your contributions to Nursing Notes!
Please send content for the next issue to: Dr. Joan Carlisle, Department Director
The Surpora Thomas Pediatric Nursing Education & Research System
For the past 11 years, members of the Burn Team have packed their sleeping bags, flip flops and sunscreen and headed to Children’s Harbor at Lake Martin in Alexander City, Alabama for Camp Conquest. Camp Conquest, or as many call it, “Burn Camp”, is provided for burn survivors, aged 6 – 16 years, who have been hospitalized in the Burn Center related to a burn injury. Camp Conquest is a 4-day, 3-night camp designed to bring children together and provide a non-competitive adventure program where they can have fun, make friends, and build self confidence by conquering challenges and developing new skills. As the children share their stories and bare their scars in public, they can enjoy fun activities such as swimming, boating, tubing, canoeing, fishing, arts and crafts, basketball and volleyball. Trust, Honesty, Caring, Respect for yourself and others, Responsibility, Reliability, Gratitude, and Teamwork are key values that are stressed throughout camp activities and provide lasting therapeutic value.

Children’s of Alabama Attendees:
Scotty Roberson - Division Director, Critical Care
Lou Ann Standifer - Dept. Director, Burn Center
Kelly Pinion-Smith - Nurse Unit Educator, Burn Center
Wendy Pirkle - Lead Nurse, Burn Center
Derrick Wingard - Burn Tech, Burn Center
Sandy Browder - RN, 6NW
Giggles the Clown - Volunteer Services
Hollie Schofield - Teacher, Sunshine School
Kara Reed - Child Life Therapy
Beverly Chaignaud - Pediatric General Surgery
Children’s has identified CPOE – that is Care Provider Order Entry – as an important initiative. Many hospitals across the country are moving to an electronic medication management system (from the current paper based system) because, like us, they want to improve patient safety and quality of care. Increasingly the decision to adopt CPOE is not voluntary, but strongly recommended by regulators and payers.

Recently Mr. Warren announced that members of the iConnect Executive Team – Tony Fargason, Deb Wesley, Dawn Walton, Jack Storey, Michael Wiggins, Pete Van Pelt and Dr. Pete Glaeser – will be providing updates and answering questions at Leadership Meetings. In the meantime, regular communications are planned about CPOE to help Children’s employees and staff, including UAB personnel who work at Children’s, become more aware of this opportunity and how it will affect specific areas of our organization. The Team welcomes the opportunity to speak at departmental meetings to answer any questions about this project.

Here are a few common questions and answers about CPOE:

Q: What is CPOE?
A: Computerized Physician Order Entry

Q: What is the purpose of the CPOE Project?
A: The purpose of the CPOE Pilot Project is to provide a consistent, dependable and streamlined computerized order entry system to all care providers. We will go live with CPOE on a pilot unit first before rolling out to the rest of the organization.

Q: When will we start CPOE?
A: The scheduled activation date for the CPOE pilot unit is Feb. 2012.

Q: Why is there a pilot unit for CPOE?
A: 5NW has been chosen as the pilot unit for CPOE. During the pilot period, all order entry on 5NW will be 100 percent electronically managed. The expectation is that direct prescribers will enter their orders directly into iConnect. Having one pilot unit will allow concentrated team efforts to optimize CPOE and minimize risk.

Q: When will the other units begin using CPOE?
A: Once the 5NW pilot is complete, CPOE will be rolled out to the other inpatient units. The exact schedule for those rollouts has not been determined yet. We expect all inpatient units will be live on CPOE by the time we move into the expansion facility.

Q: Who do I contact if I have questions?
A: Feel free to contact Cheryl Glasscock (Cheryl.glasscock@childrensal.com) or any other CPOE team member with questions.

Q: What work has been completed so far for CPOE?
A: The project team began March 1. The formal design phase for CPOE began March, 2011 and completed in August 2011. During this design phase, the multidisciplinary team addressed key design questions and defined the expected functionality of the system.

Q: What happens next for CPOE pilot project?
A: The team is currently building and testing the system based on the outputs from the Design Sessions. We expect integrated testing to run late Nov. through Dec. 2011.

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Q: What should I do about any issues I have with the iConnect functionality from Phase 1 of iConnect?
A: As always, you should contact the IT Customer Support Desk at 939-6568 or helpdesk@childrensal.com to report any iConnect issues.

Q: If physicians are entering their own orders what is the unit clerk’s job role?
A: The unit clerk will continue to do the clerical work of the unit (entering messages, answering phones, discharging patients in system, etc.)

Q: How do I know when I have a new order?
A: The “new order” or “check order” column on the patient list will display a flag.

Q: How will managing orders in the computer be different from managing orders on paper?
A: The CPOE team will be starting the process this month to map out workflow that will tell us how this process may or may not change.

Q: How will the physician know how to order a lab (Does the patient have a line? Will the RN draw the blood or will the lab?)
A: The current process will change so that the physician will easily be able to order the lab.

Q: How will the physician know if the patient needs contrast or not when ordering a radiology test?
A: The computer will not take the place of verbal communication among clinicians.
National Nurses Week is celebrated across the country every year from May 6th through May 12th. May 12th marks the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the architect of modern nursing. This year, at Children’s Health System (CHS), the celebration began May 5th and was extended through May 12th in an effort to reach all of the nursing employees. The theme for 2010 was “Nurses: Trusted to Care”. The purpose of the weeklong celebration is to raise awareness of the value of nursing and help educate the public about the role nurses play in meeting the health care needs of the American people.

In honor of the dedication, commitment, and tireless effort of the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses nationwide to promote and maintain the health of this nation, the American Nurses Association and CHS are proud to recognize nurses everywhere on this particular day for the quality work they provide seven days a week, 365 days a year.

The kick-off event on Thursday, May 5th for Nurses Week was the delivery of the 2011 Nurses Week gift. Each CHS nurse and members of the nursing team received the gift as a token of appreciation.

Pediatric Professional Development Day on Friday, May 6th offered nurses a chance to obtain 7.5 free continuing education hours while learning about current research and relevant clinical topics. Among the speakers were Vascular Access Team Leader Angela Lee, BSN, RN, CRNI, presenting the topic “Infiltration & Extravasation: Reducing the Risk & Finding a Solution” and Emergency Department’s Brett Gould, CPNP presenting “Sickle Cell Clinical Review & Research Update”. Also, we were fortunate to have Leslie Hayes, MD, CHAT Director, Micki Clark, RN, SWAT, & Shannon Sharit, RN, Charge Nurse, SCU, present their topic “CHAT: Celebrating 3 Years of Improved Outcomes” to remind us all of the influence empowerment and advocacy have on quality outcomes in our healthcare setting.

A special breakfast and an afternoon tea were held on Monday May 10th to honor the nurses of CHS who hold national certifications. CHS currently has over 400 nurses with national certifications!

May 11th was the 3rd annual Ronald McDonald House Nurses Give Back Event. $2,293.80 was collected by the CHS nursing staff. The money collected was used to purchase goods for the Ronald McDonald House (RMH). RMH provides safe and affordable temporary housing to out-of-town families of pediatric patients in need of medical care in Birmingham, Alabama. Items donated included pillows, remote controls, tissue paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, soap and much, much more.
The Nursing Excellence Awards Celebration on May 11th concluded the week’s festivities. Nominees and recipients were recognized as being outstanding in the following categories: Practice Excellence (exemplifies Magnet component of Exemplary Professional Practice), Innovation Excellence (exemplifies Magnet component of New Knowledge, Innovations & Improvements), Leadership Excellence (exemplifies Magnet component of Transformational Leadership) and Education Excellence (exemplifies Magnet component of Structural Empowerment). The program also included the announcement of the Nurses Give Back collection. Chris Ellis, Operations Director and April Brown, Assistant Manager/Guest Relations at RHM, along with Nurse Appreciation Week Committee member, Sonya Hughes, announced this year’s total contribution. Department Director, Ken Segars (4 West), announced the winning unit of the Unit-Based T-shirt Design Contest. The keynote speaker was Lou Lacey, Director of Emotional Wellness. Lou’s talk, entitled “For the Love of Nurses” included heartwarming stories of why many CHS employees became nurses and the sacrifices nurses make every day for the patients, their families, the organization and the profession. A reception followed the awards program.

Award Recipients:

Practice Excellence – Myra Alton, Anesthesia

Innovation Excellence – Renne King, Bone Marrow Transplant Unit

Leadership Excellence - Cindy Richards, Solid Organ Transplant

Education Excellence – Steven Singleton, Outpatient Behavioral Health
“Evidenced-Based Practice: 
An Emergency Department’s Journey from Apathetic to Enthusiastic”

by
Nicole Mathis, BSN, RN, Kristin Howell, MSN, RN,
Lisa Maloney, BSN, RN, & Dawn Taylor Peterson, PhD

Literature suggests that common barriers to implementation of evidence-based research include reluctance to change, lack of education/training, poor access to published research, and lack of resources such as time, money and online scientific literature. Strategies to foster evidence-based research include creating an inquisitive environment, developing an Evidenced-Based Practice (EBP) Scholars Program, developing a journal club, and motivating staff to become involved in EBP.

Nurses interested in fostering research and EBP in the Emergency Department formed a team to review the literature and develop their own strategy to encourage nurses’ active participation in EBP activities. An Emergency Department Evidence-Based Practice Committee was formed and met on a regular basis (ED/EBP Committee). A journal club was started and all staff members were invited to participate. The purpose of the journal club was to expose staff to examples of EBP projects in other pediatric facilities and to point out the benefits of using EBP.

Results: The ED/EBP committee meets bi-monthly and has created a supportive environment where ED staff can ask questions about EBP and begin new projects with the help of peers/colleagues/consultants who have experience in research and EBP. Two EBP projects are currently being conducted in the ED. The journal club meets on a monthly basis and staff members sign up to present an article of interest at the monthly meeting. The article is presented and discussed with a focus on how the ED can apply certain strategies or “lessons learned” from the article.

Involving staff nurses in EBP is not an easy task. Nurses need a supportive environment with internal committee structures that help educate and break down barriers that may prevent staff from participating in EBP and thereby improving patient care.

Nicole Mathis, Kristin Howell and Lisa Maloney represented the ED/EBP group and presented their experiences at the 2011 Pediatric Nursing Conference—Balancing Research & Practice, sponsored by Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh on October 7, 2011 in Pittsburgh.
The CHECK Center supports a website for school nurses called myschoolnurse.net. The web site provides information about educational opportunities, seasonal education topics, and videos all for school nurses. The web site is also a liaison source for school nurses to the clinical experts at Children’s of Alabama. The school nurses have frequently requested workshops designed to meet the education needs that are specific to their practice. One hundred sixty eight school nurses from the state attended a workshop hosted by the CHECK Center in 2010. Building upon the success of 2010, the CHECK Center hosted a workshop for 2011.

Two hundred nurses from throughout the state of Alabama attended the workshops hosted at the Bradley Lecture Center. To accommodate a larger number of participants, the same content was presented in June and July. To provide more information, the workshop was expanded to 2 days. The first day was a series of lectures. Dr. Genell Lee from the Alabama Board of Nursing discussed Laws and School Nurses. Additional topics included Compassion in the Healing Arts, Asthma, and Diet and Nutrition for Children with Diabetes. The new concussion law was introduced by Dr. Drew Davis in June and by Dr. Marshall Crowther in July. The afternoon lecture topics included Sports Injuries in the High School Setting, Skills Building in the Treatment of ADD, and An Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders. The day concluded with a discussion of Poison Centers and the School Nurse. The second day provided an opportunity for school nurses to learn more about and practice skills specific to the clinical practice of school nurses. Skills lab topics included an Overview of Asthma Devices, Use of an AED, Autoinject Epinephrine, Clean Intermittent Catheterizations, Gastrostomy Tubes in children, Insulin Pens, Insulin Pumps and Glucose Meters, Pediatric Blood Pressures, Pediatric Physical Assessment, Evaluation and Treatment for Sports Related Injuries in the High School Setting, Tracheostomy Care, and Vascular Access Care in Schools.

Feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive. The physicians, nurses and other members of the healthcare team at our hospital had the opportunity to talk with the school nurses and understand more about their needs and the issues that are unique to their practice setting. The school nurses were able to meet the clinical experts at Children’s of Alabama, network with their own peer group, and to participate in educational offerings designed for their area of practice. One of the nurses commented that the workshop was “informative and supportive, it really lifted my spirits and will send me into the new school year with inspiration”.

School of nursing alumni weekend at UAB

Hamner to be honored for work

The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing, along with the Nursing Chapter of the UAB National Alumni Society, will host the inaugural Alumni Weekend on Oct. 7-8. Highlight will be a dinner and alumni recognition ceremony.

The weekend will open with a presentation by Sandra B. Dunbar, the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. Her research focuses on the psychosocial responses to serious cardiac illness, and she will speak on “Improving Outcomes for Complex Cardiovascular Patients: It’s a Family Affair.”

The presentation is free and open to the public. She is Associate Dean of Academic Advancement and the Charles Howard Candler Professor of Cardiovascular Nursing at the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University.

Alumni Night and Awards Ceremony will be at 6 p.m. on Oct. 7 at the UAB National Alumni Society House. During a reception, alumni will have the opportunity to reconnect with classmates, colleagues and faculty members and celebrate class reunions.

The school will present the inaugural Lifetime Service Award to Mildred L. Hamner for contributions to the UAB School of Nursing for the past 50 years as a faculty and Alumni Chapter member. The 2011 Jo Ann Barnett Award for Compassionate Nursing Care will be presented to alumnae Ellen Carmichael, Carol Linn and Debra Stewart. The award honors the memory of UAB School of Nursing alumna Jo Ann Barnett, who at age 53, lost her battle with cancer.

The Nursing Alumni Chapter will also present BSN Awards for Student Excellence to Simone Durand, Krista Hebert and Alexis Mischell, and the Doctoral Awards for Student Excellence to Vicky Stone-Gale and Natalie Wilson.

Other events are a luncheon for the school’s diploma graduates and the UAB Blazers’ football game against Mississippi State. Visit www.uab.edu/nursing or call 975-9419.

Scribblers runs on Fridays and Sundays. You may call Susan Strickland at 325-2452 or email her at scribblers@bhamnews.com.
The International Adoption (IA) Clinic, a part of Specialty Care Services, is partnering with the China Center for Children’s Welfare and Adoption (CCCWA), to develop a relationship with MaoMing orphanage in China that houses special needs children. This new partnership will work in conjunction with their current partnership with Lifeline Adoption Agency. Dr. Jennifer Chambers (IA medical director) visited with officials from the CCCWA during a medical mission in July of this year and has been working with both groups to facilitate the partnership with the IA clinic. The CCCWA representatives visited Children’s South, where the clinic is held, on Friday, Oct 14th to tour and learn more about how they can facilitate a smooth transition to the adopted child’s new home and culture here in America. Under the direction of Barbara Lovvorn, BSN, MSHSA Director of Specialty Care Services, Children’s South, Lynn Zimmerman serves as the IA clinic aide and assists patients and families who visit the clinic.
SPOTLIGHT ON CERTIFIED NURSES

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Byers, Corinne F.
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Calhoun, Teresa Lynn
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Congratulations to Our Nurses

Accomplishments (as submitted to the editor)

Awards

Debra Stewart, MSN, Educator II, was awarded the 2011 Jo Ann Barnett Award for Compassionate Care, Education from the University of Alabama School of Nursing Alumni Chapter, UAB National Alumni Society on October 7, 2011.

2011 Nurse Excellence Award Recipients:
- Practice Excellence – Myra Alton, Anesthesia
- Innovation Excellence – Renne King, Bone Marrow Transplant Unit
- Leadership Excellence - Cindy Richards, Solid Organ Transplant
- Education Excellence – Steven Singleton, Outpatient Behavioral Health

Presentations


Shannon B. Martin, MSN, Nurse Clinician Pediatric Nephrology and Shamekia Gullatte, BSN, RN, CPN, Nurse Clinician Pediatric Nephrology, presented “Nephrotic Syndrome” for staff on 7 NW.
Shannon B. Martin RN MSN, Nurse Clinician Pediatric Nephrology and Laura Broome RN, CPN, presented at the 2011 School Nurse Workshops in June and July on the topic of “Hypertension”.

Future Presentations (abstracts accepted)

Joan B. Carlisle, DSN, PNP-BC & Dawn Taylor Peterson, PhD, will present an oral paper titled, “The Education Mini-Poster: A Tool for Patient/Family Education” at the Society of Pediatric Nurses Convention, April 19-22, 2012, Houston, TX.

Angie Elia, CRNP and Amy Padgett, CRNP will present a poster, “Epilepsy Surgery in Children with Intellectual Disabilities” at the American Epilepsy Society Conference, December 2-6 in Baltimore.

Grant

Cindy Richards, BSN, CNN, Renal Transplant Coordinator received a Clinical Practice Grant from American Nephrology Nurses Association for Camp BRIDGES.

Publications


Certifications

Elizabeth (Beth) George received her second national certification in vascular access from the Vascular Access Certification Corporation, July 1, 2011. This certification credential is VA-BC.

Billy Smith received his Adult Nurse Practitioner Certification from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, September 1, 2011.

Linda Lancaster, RN, Pediatric Nephrology, Renal Biopsy Coordinator, received her CPN certification March 2011

Graduations

Jimel Gibbs, RN (Infection Prevention) graduated with an MSN from The University of Alabama School of Nursing, UAB, August 2011
Rachel Bailey, MSN/MPH, CRNP, NE-BC graduated from The University of Alabama School of Nursing, UAB with her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), August 2011. The title of her EBP Scholarly Project was: *Pediatric Peri-Anesthesia Video: Impact on Pre-Operative Parental Anxiety*

Renee Hall, BSN, CDE, Diabetes Program Coordinator, received her MSN from the University of Phoenix, July 2011.

Shamiesha Johnson received her ADN degree from Virginia College in May 2011.

**Induction**

Rocky Caldwell, BSN was inducted as a Board Member-at-Large on the Board of Directors of the University of Alabama School of Nursing Chapter of the UAB National Alumni Society for a 2-year period, October 7, 2011.

Renee Hall, MSN, CDE, Diabetes Program Coordinator was inducted into the Omicron Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, International.

**Other**

Cindy Richards, BSN, CNN Renal Transplant Coordinator headed up a week-long medical mission trip to Honduras this past summer where they saw about 500 patients in 4 days.

Shannon B. Martin, MSN, Nurse Clinician Pediatric nephrology successfully completed the American Heart Association Pediatric Advanced Life Support Instructor course.