

News of The Academy of Neonatal Nursing

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Neonatal Network Debuts October 1981

Skin care, genetics, and neonatal pharmacology were the topics of discussion for *Neonatal Network's* first edition in October of 1981. Joanne McManus, in considering skin care of the newborn, instructed nurses to be aware of neonate's largest organ's permeability. Donna Hymes, author of "Advancement in Medical Genetics" wrote, "Neonatal units will continue to see various genetic disorders," and "Principles in Neonatal Pharmacology," by DonelleCampbell, discussed the mechanisms of drug metabolism. *Neonatal Network* was then, as it is now, an educational medium for nurses to deliver the best in neonatal care.

What Neonatal Network® Means to You: Remember!

Neonatal Network®: *The Journal of Neonatal Nursing* is celebrating 30 years of publication and we invite you to share your neonatal nursing stories. We are planning to create an "Honor Wall," which will appear on our website, in the journal, and at the 11th National Neonatal Nurses Conference in Washington, DC, in September. Honor special people who have made contributions to your profession by completing the form on our website to be included on our Remember Wall. You can also contact Ute Berman, project coordinator, at uberman@academyofneonatalnursing.org for more information or send your story to 1425 N. McDowell Blvd., Suite 105, Petaluma, CA 94954-6513.

Vote for Your Favorite Article from Neonatal Network® 2010!

The Academy of Neonatal Nursing is once again sponsoring a Reader's Choice Award selected by Academy members. You are invited to cast one vote for your favorite article published

in *Neonatal Network* in 2010. Go to the survey link on the Academy homepage to cast your vote. The online ballot will be available through March 1, 2011. The winner will be announced in the May/June 2011 issue of *Neonatal Network*.

Neonatal Nursing 30 Years Ago: What We Envisioned . . . What Do You Envision?

- Premies are treated in an amniotic filled globe attached to an artificial placenta
- Electronic medical records and charting
- BSN is the minimum requirement to be a registered nurse

What is Your Vision for Neonatal Nursing in 2011? How About Hawaii?

8th National Advanced Practice Neonatal Nurses Conference

ANN invites advanced practice neonatal nurses to wondrous Hawaii where the best in neonatal education and relaxation intertwine. The 8th National Advanced Practice Neonatal Nurses Conference concludes each day at 1pm so you will have time to indulge in an Outrigger surf ride followed by a drink at the Mai Tai Lounge at the historic Royal Hawaiian, just a few steps away where authentic Hula and Hawaiian tunes are performed nightly?

The conference is designed for experienced staff nurses, neonatal nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists. Early bird registration (lowest registration price) continues to March 25, 2011. We have three additional saving opportunities for groups, students, and retirees. Check it out online at academyonline.org. Mahalo!

Meet the Speaker

Pamela Almeida, MS, NNP-BC

You may *think* you know all about thermoregulation, but Pamela Almeida will introduce new and important studies that will add to the advanced practice nurses understanding of one of the most basic needs of the neonate. Published author, speaker, and clinician, Pamela Almeida, an NNP from the Kaiser Permanente Medical Center at the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women in Honolulu, will focus on current practices and new ways both warm and cold can be used to benefit the neonate. Don't miss this informative session on Saturday, April 30. See you there!

Conference Chairpersons . . . Thank You!!

Thank you to this year's conference chairpersons for their outstanding contributions to our Advanced Practice Neonatal Nursing Conference. Debbie Fraser, MN, RNC-NIC, is an associate professor at Athabasca University and an NNP at St. Boniface General Hospital in Winnipeg, Canada. Deb is also the Editor-in-Chief of *Neonatal Network*. Rosanne Harrington, EdD, MS, APRN-Rx, is the professor and chair of Complementary and Alternative Medicine as well as director of Faculty Development at the John A. Burn School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii. Dana Ing, MSN, NNP-BC, practices as an NNP at Kaiser Permanente and is the lead clinical faculty member of NeoRISK at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, School of Nursing in Honolulu. ANN is honored to have such prestigious nurses chairing our conference!

The Institute of Pediatric Nursing

A historic collaborative network of over 30 nursing organizations and children's hospitals has now been formally established as the Institute of Pediatric Nursing (IPN). The goal of the IPN is to increase opportunities for partnership and problem solving among nursing organizations and children's hospitals by providing a unified voice to the many organizations that include pediatric nurses from a variety of sub-specialties and levels of practice. At the Pediatric Nursing Invitational Forum in November 2010, national nursing leaders gathered to share insights, innovations, and best practices regarding critical issues in pediatric nursing education, research, advocacy, quality-safe care, access to care and care coordination. More information can be accessed at ipedsnursing.org.

Summer Genetics Institute

DNA Day, April 15, 2011 commemorates the day in 1953 when James Watson and Francis Crick's article on the structure of DNA was published and is also the anniversary of the completion of the Human Genome Project in 2008. The National Institute of Nursing Research is offering a one-month intensive research training program at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland, sponsored by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR). The Summer Genetics Institute (SGI) will provide a foundation in molecular genetics

for use in research and clinical practice. The purpose of the SGI is to increase the research capability among graduate students and faculty, and develop and expand the basis for clinical practice in genetics among clinicians. After completing the program, participants receive eight hours of graduate-level college credits from FAES. The program is provided by the NINR at no cost. For more information, please go to gpp.nih.gov/Prospective/InstitutionalPartnerships/AppDirectionsProspective.htm.

Call for Volunteers for the Nurses' Health Study

Calling all female nurses between the ages of 22-45! Join the Nurses' Health Study! The NHS has been instrumental in women's health care since 1976 and is now in the third phase of investigative science. This important study helps chart the health of women. Please consider participating by completing a quick and easy questionnaire by going to nhs3.org.

The Bee Gee's and CPR

OK, so now you know not to include the "R" in CPR when rescuing a patient from a heart attack outside a hospital setting. But did you know the Bee Gee's song "Stayin' Alive" is in perfect rhythm with the recommended chest compressions? For those familiar with this tune, use the beat to keep the casualty to "ah ah ah ah" stay alive!

Bringing Immunity to Every Community

2.5 Free CEU's for ANA Members and Non-members

The American Nurses Association (ANA) and Every Child by Two (ECBT) have partnered to produce an education webcast for nurses on vaccine safety and patient communication, which combines a nurse-panel presentation with patient-nurse video vignettes. "ANA Immunize" is an important and timely educational resource, because of recent media attention on immunization. The course covers:

- Impact of vaccines on society
- How the nursing profession is vital to the promotion of immunizations
- Benefits of vaccination to nurses and health care workers
- Common questions and vaccine myths
- Risk communication methods to reduce concerns and increase vaccine acceptance

Nurses may access the course by going to yoursource.com/ecbt/

Every Child by Two

Rosalynn Carter and Betty Bumpers founded every Child By Two (ECBT) in 1991 as a result of the Measles epidemic that killed over 120 people, many of them children. Carter and Bumpers have been working on immunizations since the early 70's and have been credited with the passage of laws mandating school-

age vaccination requirements. The goals of ECBT are to raise awareness of the critical need for timely immunizations and to foster a systematic way to immunize all U.S. children by age two.

ECBT works with immunization partners nationwide to educate those who effect policy decisions regarding immunizations and to seek funding for state immunization programs who are responsible for the delivery of vaccines to uninsured and underinsured children. In addition, ECBT calls for continued vigilance to ensure that the 12,000 babies born every day receive life saving vaccines in a timely manner.

ECBT works in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct educational programs for health care providers. Much of ECBT's efforts focus on ensuring that electronic immunization registries are fully developed and implemented throughout the U.S. For more information, visit their website at ecbt.org.

The Academy of Neonatal Nursing Ingrid Josefin Ridky Academic Scholarship

The Academy of Neonatal Nursing Academic Scholarship Award is now the Academy of Neonatal Nursing Ingrid Josefin Ridky Academic Scholarship, named after former ANN Executive Committee member, Jody Ridky's granddaughter, who tragically suffered an untimely death. Jody served many years on the ANN Executive Committee and continues to contribute her time and expertise in helping new nurses. The purpose of the award is to provide funding to ANN members pursuing academic advancement in neonatal nursing. ANN is seeking applications from neonatal nurses within our organization who are currently pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in neonatal nursing or a related nursing major. The closing date for submissions is June 1 and the application is available at academyonline.org.

The Academy Conference Scholarship Award

This award recognizes professionally active Academy members by awarding scholarships to attend the National Neonatal Nurses Conference, which will be held in Washington, DC, September 7-10, 2011. The application closing date is June 1, 2011.

Three New CE Offerings at Academyonline.org

Here is your chance to use those 15 free contact hours of continuing education credit, that come annually with every ANN membership! "Developmental Considerations in Working with Newborn Infants of Mothers with Diabetes," "Blood Types and ABO Incompatibility," and "A Review of Neonatal Pharmacology and Pharmacokinetics" are available now at academyonline.org.

Standard for Maintaining the Competence of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners Position Statement

The National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners (NANNP) recently published position statement #3050, which suggests NNP's require regular evaluation on core competencies. Some of the recommendations include intensive novice NNP orientation, maintenance of a professional portfolio, and state boards of nursing involvement. More information can be found at NANNP.org.

Occupational Hazards for Pregnant Nurses: Resources for Staying Safe

The *American Journal of Nursing* in their January 2011 issue offered the following resources for avoiding occupational hazards during pregnancy.

- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH): "Preventing Occupational Exposures to Antineoplastic and Other Hazardous Drugs in Health Care Settings" (cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2004-165/#sum) and "The Effects of Workplace Hazards on Female Reproductive Health" (cdc.gov/niosh/docs/99-104)
- American Nurses Association: "Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs", "Healthy Choices: Transforming Our Hospitals into Environmentally Healthy and Safe Places" (Nursingworld.org)
- Health Canada "Occupational Exposure to Radiation" (hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/iyh-vsv/environ/expos-eng.php)
- The March of Dimes "Environmental Risks and Pregnancy" and "Cytomegalovirus" (marchofdimes.org)
- Motherisk program at the Hospital for Sick Children (motherisk.org)





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