

# 28<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Nursing Research *and* Evidence-Based Practice Conference

Thursday, October 17, 2024  
4:30pm to 7:00pm  
Poster Session, Hartford Hospital

Friday, October 18, 2024  
8:00am to 1:00pm  
Virtual Conference

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### Evidence-Based Practice: The Future of Nursing: To Infinity & Beyond

*Sponsored by The Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance:*

Backus Hospital  
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### Registration

The conference is limited to 300 registrants

**Registration Deadline: October 14, 2024**

**Please register online at [www.ctnursingresearchalliance.org](http://www.ctnursingresearchalliance.org)**

**\$75** Registration fee | **\$25** Student Registration Fee

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**Nurses:** This activity is designated for a maximum of **7.00** ANCC contact hours.

**All Other Learners:** All other learners will receive a Certificate of Participation for a maximum of **7.00** hours of education.

**Disclosures:** The planners and faculty of this activity have reported no disclosures.

8:00a – 8:10a	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>   The Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance Planning Committee
8:10a – 9:25a	<b>Opening Session</b> <b>Why the Professional Identity of Nursing Matters:</b> Moderator: Lisa Corbett Nelida Godfrey, PhD, ACNS-BC, RN, FAAN, ANEF; Professor & Associate Dean, Innovative Partnerships & Practice; University of Kansas School of Nursing
9:30a – 10:30a	<b>Oral Abstracts A</b> <i>(15 minute Presentations &amp; 5 minute Q&amp;A):</i> Moderator: Cheri Cronin <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Unplugged: The Effect of Implementing ISDT on Blood Culture Contamination;</b> Justine Moore, MSN, RN, VA-BC, CPHQ; Allison Wall, MSN, RN, CMSRN, GERO-BC, CNL; Jennifer Sather, MSN, RN, CNL, CPHQ; Yale New Haven Hospital</li> <li><b>Restraint Seclusion, &amp; Workplace Violence: Exploring Correlations to Census &amp; Milieu Activity in Inpatient Psychiatric Setting;</b> Ellen Blair, DNP, APRN, PMHCNS-BC, NEA-BC, CPHQ, FAAN; Tess M. Atkinson, M.A., RSS; Paul Paseos, RN, MBA, Richard Little, MBA, PMP, Javeed Sukhera, MD, PhD, FRCPC; Hartford HealthCare, Institute of Living</li> <li><b>SOS Sitters Needed!: A Novel Sitter Recruitment Program;</b> Jessica DeMaio, MSN, RN, CMSRN, CMNL; Jeanette Kurtz, MSHA, BSN, RN; Jennifer Menillo, MSHA, BSN, RN, CNML; Jennifer Ghidini, DNP, MSN, APRN, CNML; Yale-New Haven Hospital</li> </ol> <b>Oral Abstracts B</b> <i>(15 minute Presentations &amp; 5 minute Q&amp;A):</i> Moderator: Catherine Thresher <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Physical Assessment Quantity versus Quality: Why Are We Teaching So Much?;</b> Ashley Cote EdD, RN, CNE; Southern Connecticut State University</li> <li><b>Revitalizing Engagement: Implementing Interactive Nurse Preceptor Development Training;</b> Justine Hidalgo, MSN, RN, CMSRN, WCC; Mary Judson MSN, RN, CCRN, CNL; Tiffany Torelli MSN, RN, C-EFM; Katrina Williams, MSN, RN; Yale-New Haven Hospital</li> <li><b>Exploring Nursing Students and Cultural Immersion Programs – Will Going Beyond Impact Their Practice?;</b> Joan Esper Kuhnly, DNP, NNP-BC, APRN, IBCLC, CNE; Jamie Rivera PhD, RN, CPN; Westfield State University</li> </ol> <b>Oral Abstracts C</b> <i>(15 minute Presentations &amp; 5 minute Q&amp;A):</i> Moderator: Connie Hotchkiss <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Elevating Nursing’s Voice in Practice and Nurse Retention: An Evidence-Based Quality Improvement Project;</b> Kristin Kozlowski MSN, RN, CNE; Connecticut Children’s</li> <li><b>Push Analyze: Achieving Excellence by Demystifying the Adult Medical Emergency;</b> Amanda Luyckx MSN, RN, CCRN; Catherine Maslan MSN, RN, CMSRN, NP-BC; Yale-New Haven Hospital</li> <li><b>Adapting Orientation to Support a New Generation of Nurses: A quality improvement project utilizing a Tiered Skills Acquisition Model;</b> Tabitha Whetham, MSN, BSN, RN; Sarah Gallagher, MSN, RN; Hartford Hospital</li> </ol>
10:30a – 10:40a	<b>Break</b>
10:40a – 11:40a	<b>Oral Abstracts D</b> <i>(15 minute Presentations &amp; 5 minute Q&amp;A):</i> Moderator: Cheri Cronin <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A Contemporary Analysis of Pre-Operative Characteristics of Total Joint Arthroplasty Patient Population;</b> Christina DiMaggio, RN; Peter Cegelka, RN, BSN, ONC; Kimberly Padovani, BSN, RN ONC; Kyle Zimmerman, RN, ONC; Jenna Calderone, BSN, RN, ONC; Tashua Malino, PT; Swaroopa Vaidya, MS; Dianne Vye, MSN, RN, ONC; Hartford HealthCare Connecticut Orthopaedic Institute</li> <li><b>Multidisciplinary Approach to Improve Alarm Safety Culture;</b> Laurie Devin MSN, L-MBA, RN, CNML; Ruth Merengueli MSN, RN, CV-BC, CMSRN; Carol Salerno BSN, RN; Yale-New Haven Hospital</li> <li><b>Early Identification of Skin Injury in Patients with Dark Skin Tones Using Admission Thermography Scanning;</b> Sharon Davis RN, BSN, CWCN, COCN; Bettina Magliato APRN, NP-C, CWON, Jeanette Ganci MSN RN CWCN; The Hospital of Central Connecticut</li> </ol> <b>Oral Abstracts E</b> <i>(15 minute Presentations &amp; 5 minute Q&amp;A):</i> Moderator: Catherine Thresher <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Using High-Fidelity Simulation to Improve Teamwork and Clinical Metrics during Procedural Emergencies;</b> Belen Camacho, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CV-BC, RCIS; Sally Gerard, DNP, RN, CDCES; Stamford Health</li> <li><b>Optimizing Nurse Residency Program Data to Create Orientation Curriculum for Student Nurse Fellows;</b> Michelle Ostrowski MSN, RN, NP-BC, PCCN &amp; Latoya Maxwell MSN, RN, MEDSURG-BC; St. Vincent’s Medical Center</li> <li><b>A Tailored Educational Approach to Teach and Retain Ambulatory Medical Assistants;</b> Melissa Dibble, MSN, RN, NP-BC; Connecticut Children’s</li> </ol> <b>Oral Abstracts F</b> <i>(15 minute Presentations &amp; 5 minute Q&amp;A):</i> Moderator: Connie Hotchkiss <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Creation and Implementation of a Novel Pediatric Cardio-Oncology Clinical Pathway;</b> Tiffany Berthod BSN, RN, CPN, CCRC; Andrea Orsey MD, MSCE; Marjorie Wiczorek MSN, MBA; Ilana Waynik, MD; Olga Toro-Salazar, MD; Connecticut Children’s</li> <li><b>Cancer Care Experiences, Resilience, and Psychological Symptoms Among Patients With and Without Distress During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Mixed Methods Study;</b> Hayley Dunnack Yackel, PhD, RN, CMSRN, OCN; Rachel A. Pozzar, PhD, FNP-BC; Ijeoma Julie Eche-Ugwu, PhD, MPH, FNP-BC; Marilyn J. Hammer, PhD, RN, DC, FAAN; Mary E. Cooley, PhD, RN, FAAN; Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute</li> <li><b>Early Detection of Clinical Deterioration: Empowering the Bedside Nurse;</b> Deirdre Lamoureux MSN, RN; Jennifer Johnson APRN; Catherine A. Maslan MSN, RN, CMSRN, NP-BC; Amanda Luyckx MSN, RN, CCRN; Justine Moore MSN, RN, VA-BC, CPHQ; Jessica Luyckx MSN, RN; Thea Malile MSN, RN; Prasama Sangkackan, MSN, RN, CCRN-CMC; Shana Deskin MSN, RN CCTN; Jonathan M. Siner M.D; Yale-New Haven Hospital</li> </ol>
11:40a – 11:50a	<b>Break</b>
11:50a – 1:10p	<b>Nuts &amp; Bolts:</b> Moderator: Leigh Bak  <b>Evidence-Based Practice, Quality Improvement &amp; Research</b> Kerry A. Milner, DNSc, APRN, FNP-BC, EBP-C; Professor Sacred Heart University, Davis & Henley College of Nursing Stacy Chandna, MS, CIP; Director Research Process Improvement & Regulatory Affairs Connecticut Children’s Research Institute Jennifer Hehl, PhD, RN, CNOR, ONC; Nurse Scientist; Bone & Joint Institute at Hartford Hospital
1:10p	<b>Closing Remarks</b>