

NURSING

2022 Annual Report



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Words of Welcome

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am honored and humbled to present to you the 2022 Nursing Annual Report. This Nursing Annual Report is only a snapshot of this year's many contributions but will provide a glimpse into the remarkable care we provide each day. Care that exceeds expectations and pursues excellence relentlessly.

At Connecticut Children's, nurses are empowered to be leaders, advocates and innovators, and we pursue ways to improve and grow each day. I continue to be astounded by the magnitude of great work and am thrilled to compile these examples to share.


In July 2022, the Nurse Residency Program also received its very first accreditation from the ANCC Practice Transition Accreditation Program (PTAP). The nurses who have joined the workforce in the past three years have been profoundly impacted by the effects of the pandemic both academically and in clinical practice. These nurses have continued to choose nursing and I am so proud of all our nurse residents and their amazing contributions to the profession.

In addition to the new team members in our workforce, we have an army of nurses who have steadfastly and faithfully served our patients and families for years, many of whom have been with us since our doors opened in 1996. We have a solid foundation and backbone of extraordinary pediatric nursing experts. These nurses drive nursing excellence through transformational leadership, research, shared governance, professional development, and clinical expertise.

Behind each of the moments we are about to share is the commitment to learn more, improve outcomes and empower individuals to seek innovative solutions. We are leaders and teammates in advancing the quality of care. We choose to be here for the children and their families and they drive our commitment, they fuel our passion, and they push us to fight harder for them each day.

Our vivid imagination and innovative spirit is what makes the nurses at Connecticut Children's so special. We are transforming children's health and well-being as One Team. It is what makes us unique. It is an experience. It is a feeling. **It is a promise.**

With respect and admiration,



Sarah Matney
MSOL, BSN, RN,
CPON, CENP
Chief Nursing Officer
and Senior Vice President
of Clinical Operations,
Connecticut Children's

Connecticut Children's Nursing Colleagues,

Since our last report in 2016, the Nursing Practice Council (NPC) has continued its work to affect change that is reflective of the evolution of nursing as a whole. We continue to refocus our efforts and prioritizing our goals to meet the common needs voiced by nurses across the institution. Our goal is that you can recognize the change and accomplishments highlighted in this report despite the challenges felt across healthcare over the past several years.

Our priority continues to be addressing nursing recognition, satisfaction and commitment at Connecticut Children's. We hope that in the coming years we are able to continue to contribute to the accomplishment of this very important goal as we continue to determine the types of recognition our peers find truly meaningful.

In efforts to show appreciation to our colleagues, the cheer cart and cheer basket continue to bring enjoyment to nursing units and other teams throughout the organization. With the pandemic affecting all aspects of our lives, we switched to virtual meetings.

The 2022 Nursing Annual Meeting and Nurses Week were successfully held back in person and appreciated by all involved. We are continuously evaluating the feedback generated by nurses to further impact changes.

We continue to collaborate with the nursing shared governance groups to bring positive changes to the organization. NPC is working with these nurses-driven groups to restructure and strengthen the nursing voice and engagement. We are focused on providing insights on behalf of nurses throughout the organization to deliver feedback on resources like the professional development tool and professional practice model.

We feel fulfilled by the work we have done and continue to do, as evidenced by this annual report. We continue to strive towards our Magnet re-designation and are proud of the work our nurses do each and every day. We know that times have been challenging for nurses across the organization and hope that knowing you have a team of nurses who continue to work for you. We are honored to represent nurses at Connecticut Children's.



Alyson Mason
BSN, RN, CLC
NPC Co-Chair



Erin Scanlon
MSN, RN, CNML, CPN
NPC Co-Chair

Advanced Practice Providers: Developing a Presence

It has been quite a remarkable journey for the Advanced Practice Provider (APP) group at Connecticut Children's and I am honored to have our accomplishments shared alongside those of our nursing colleagues. The APP workforce has grown significantly in recent years in response to a physician shortage and the 2003 implementation of resident duty work hour restrictions. These factors have resulted in academic medical centers hiring more Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Physician Assistants. At Connecticut Children's, there were less than 20 APPs when we opened in 1996; now there are 180 APPs deployed in 38 different clinical divisions.

In May 2020, the Office of Advanced Practice Providers (OAPP) was established within Connecticut Children's to identify and address APP challenges, opportunities, retain APPs and decrease turnover by increasing APP engagement and morale. Our vision is to develop Connecticut Children's as the premier pediatric academic medical center in the country for Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) to work, grow, and develop their career.

Much work has been done to support and accelerate the visibility of nurse practitioners and physician assistants at Connecticut Children's. My colleague Garry Lapidus, PA-C and I serve as Co-Directors for the OAPP. We report to Juan Salazar (Physician-in-Chief), Christine Finck (Surgeon-in-Chief) and Sarah Matney (Chief Nursing Officer).

In addition, the APP Co-Directors have a voting seat on the CCSG Board of Directors and coordinate their efforts closely with James Moore (President, CCSG). Our gratitude for their support extends beyond measure.

Shortly after the OAPP was established, an APP Advisory Council was created. This group leverages expertise to guide the OAPP and provide information and recommendations. Members of this council are asked to do the following:

- Shape the future of the OAPP by sharing areas of expertise, feedback, and insight regarding professional practice and program development for the APPs
- Develop leadership skills through leading and participating in a committee or special project from planning to completion
- Serve as an advocate for the OAPP
- Represent and network with APP colleagues throughout the organization



**Basia Adams, DNP,
APRN - APPs (PHM)**

APP Advisory Council Highlights

Education and Training Committee

Chair: Christina Giudice, APRN

Activities include planning and implementing the quarterly APP Grand Rounds: Summit series, and annual APP summit.

Transition to Practice Committee

Chair: Elizabeth Oblon, PA-C

Activities include initiatives to improve onboarding and transition to practice for new APP team members. This group is currently developing/conducting a survey to identify challenges/opportunities and will implement new initiatives pending survey results.

Communication/Marketing Activities

Chair: Pam Fanning, PA-C

Activities include production of quarterly APP newsletter, development of APP web content, and APP video development and production. Visit www.connecticutchildrens.org/careers/advanced-practice-provider-careers

Professional Advancement Model Activities

Chair: Meredith Lake, APRN

Activities include research to build a model for Connecticut Children's APPs to recognize and reward above and beyond contributions for APRNs and PAs and assist with implementation/evaluation of this process.

APP Excellence Awards

We have also recognized three outstanding APPs at our first APP Excellence Awards dinner held November 9, 2022. This event celebrated the nine nominees and three awardees. The three awards recognize select APPs for exemplary demonstration of Connecticut Children's values in their clinical practice and interaction with patients and team members. Representing our executive management team, Drs. Juan Salazar, Christine Finck, and James Moore provided welcoming remarks and applauded the event that acknowledged the outstanding achievements of our colleagues. Others in attendance included APP Advisory Council members, award nominators, friends, and family. It was our first awards dinner and by all accounts a great success!

NOMINEES:

Maureen Fearon, APRN,
Endocrinology
Kevin Fitzsimmons, PA-C
Orthopedics/Sports Medicine
Brian Landry, PA-C,
Neonatology

Jennifer Long, APRN,
Neonatology
Molly Mable, PA-C,
Radiology
Rebecca Strong, APRN,
Otolaryngology

Heidi Sweeney, APRN,
Gastroenterology
Patricia Trehey, APRN,
Neonatology
Amanda Zuse, APRN,
Hematology/Oncology

AWARD WINNERS:



**Christina Giudice, MSN,
APRN, CPNP-PC**
APRN (Pediatric Hospital Medicine)



**Whitney Fairchild, MSN,
APRN, FNP-BC**
APRN (Cardiology)



Elizabeth Campbell
PA-C (General Surgery)

The growth of APPs has been impressive and will continue to be a driving force in healthcare. We hope the initiatives supported this year will improve the overall engagement of this group at Connecticut Children's. In turn, this will impact the quality and accessibility of care for our patients and families across the region. We are looking forward to more growth and an even brighter future in 2023.

By the Numbers



2,840

Team Members

153

Volunteers

187

Licensed Beds

11,284

Total Admissions

10,072

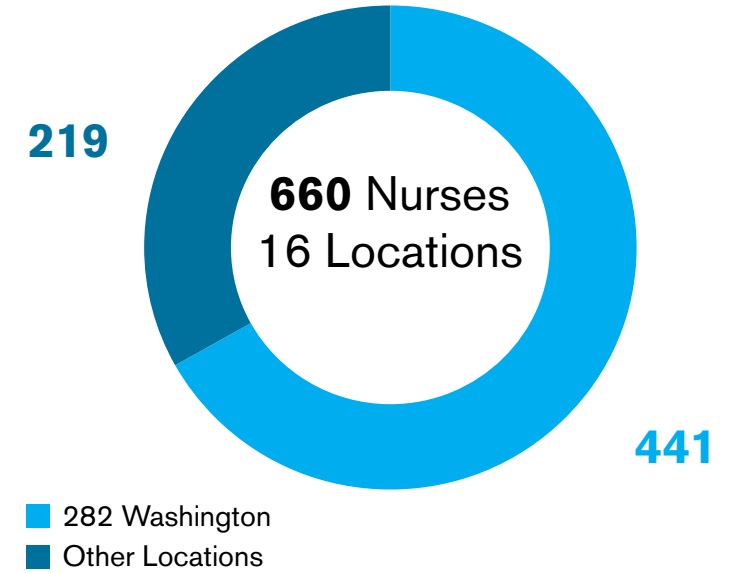
Surgeries

41,482

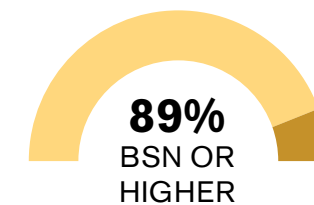
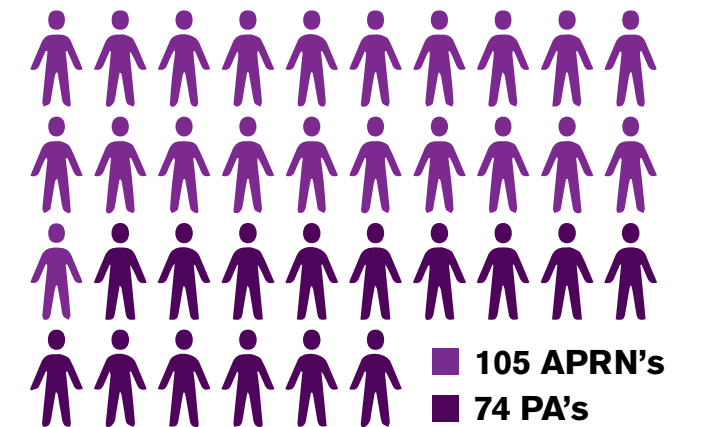
Emergency Dept Visits

197,929

Outpatient Visits



179 Advanced Practitioners
22 Locations



Recognitions & Awards



The DAISY Nurse Leader Award™

NOMINEES:

Gwen Beaudoin, BSN, RN, CPN
 Erin Boyle, BSN, RN
 Eileen Ciccone, MSN, RN, CPN, WCC
 Shannon Grad, MSN, RN, NEA-BC

Marge Julian, MSN, RN
 Mary Lussier, BSN, RN, IBCLC
 Beth Palazzo, BSN, RN, CPHON
 Tara Phillips, BSN, RN, CPN

Kate Porrini, MSN, RN
 Katie Ruane, BSN, RN, CNML

WINNERS:



Eileen Ciccone
 MSN, RN, CPN, WCC



Katie Ruane
 BSN, RN, CNML

The DAISY Award™

WINNERS:



Tara Dailey
 BSN, RN, CPN,
 MS6



Stacy Forsyth
 BSN, RN, RNC-NIC,
 NICU East



Tricia Giscombe
 RN, Urology



Jaime Kramer
 BSN, RN, MS7



Niha Locke
 BSN, RN, IBCLC, PICU



Steve Mahier
 BSN, RN, CCRN, PICU



Kody Mooney
 BSN, RN, MS6



Allie Ouellette
 RN, CPN, MS8



Janine Rose
 BSN, RN, CPN,
 Neurosurgery



Leah Schneider
 BSN, RN, MS7



Janine Sullivan
 BSN, RN, IBCLC,
 NICU West



Lauren Trumble
 BSN, RN, CCRN,
 PICU

Nightingale Awards

for Excellence in Nursing

2022 Nominees

Kara Arndt
BSN, RN, C-EFM, CPN,
ONC
Jennifer Beaudoin
BSN, RN
Phyllis Bebyn
BSN, RN, CPN
Tracy Creatore
BSN, RN, CIC

Marie Desjarlais
MSN, RN, CPN, CWOCN
Debbie Ellis
BSN, RN
Jennafer Euen
BSN, RN, CPN, PED-BC,
WCC
Sarah Lavalette
BSN, RN

Nicole Lewie
BSN, RN, CPN, IBCLC
Jennifer Long
MSN, APRN, NNP-BC
Derek Martin
BSN, RN
Samantha Mendez
BSN, RN

Barbara Mulholland
BSN, RN, CPN
Lisa Pierce
BSN, RN, IBCLC
Alyssa Ruddy, RN
Allison Williams
BSN, RN, WCC
Amanda Zuse
MSN, APRN, CPNP-BC

2022 Winners



Basia Adams
DNP, APRN, PNP-BC



Comalita Elliott
BSN, RN, CDE



Felicia Tam, RN

Angel Awards

Dedicated to PCA's, MA's, PCP's & Techs

2022 Winners



Phillip Aiello



Lymaris Cruz-Urbina



Seithy Mercado



Terrance Perry



Claribel Vega

2021 Winners

Taryn Hamre
DNP, APRN, CPHON,
FNP-BC

Lauren Hurley
MSN, RN

Sarah Visker
MSN, RN, RN-BC

2021 Winners

Pam Masella

Lucy Weidner

James Wiggins

Carmen Williams

Raul Vasquez

Sunshine Award

Outstanding PCA/TECH

2022 Winner



Millie Figueroa
PCA on MS8

American Academy of Nursing

Vittner, Dorothy, PhD, RN, FAAN (2021, October).
Inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

Excellence in Nursing: Pediatric Faculty Awards

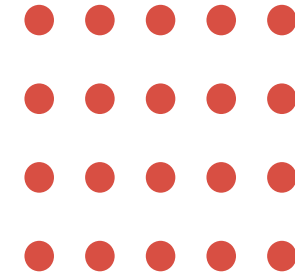
Jamie Choate, BSN, RN received the Excellence in
Nursing, 2021 Pediatric Faculty Awards, Department of
Pediatrics, University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

2020-21 Nursing Research & Evidence-Based Practice Awards

The Research and Evidence-Based Practice Central
Council awarded nurses who demonstrated outstanding
effort in nursing research, evidence-based practice, and
nursing publication. The **Most Engaged in Nursing
Research Award** went to the following nurses: **Amy
Ciarlo, BSN, RN, RNC-NIC; Milena Frazer BSN, RN,
RNC-NIC; Mary Keller, MSN, RN, CPHON; Mary
Lussier, BSN, RN, IBCLC; & Hendriana Nielsen, BSN,
RD, RN, CCRP, CPN.**

The **Nursing Manuscript Award** was awarded to **Amy
Ciarlo, BSN, RN, RNC-NIC, & Milena Frazer BSN,
RN, RNC-NIC** for their paper titled, *Reducing Admission
Hypothermia in Neonates Born Less Than 32 Weeks or
1500g*, published in the Journal of Advances in Neonatal
Care.

The **New Research Project Award** was awarded
to **Mary Keller, MSN, RN, CPHON** as principal
investigator on the project, *Identifying the Needs of
Children with Cancer and their Parents at the End
of Active Treatment*. Two teams of nurses were
awarded the **Evidence-Based Practice Project
Award**. For the project, *Standardizing Orthostatic*



Vital Signs, **Julia Lopes, MSN, RN; Nikki Mendelson,
BSN, RN; & Aimee Bareiss, BSN, RN** were recognized.
The second team included **Heather Rae, BSN, RN;
Katie Lord, BSN, RN; & Leigh Hart, BSN, RN, CPHON**
for their project titled, *Removal of Etoposide Filter*.

Kody Mooney, BSN, RN and **Tessa Kehoe, BSN, RN**
were recipients of the **New Graduate Nurse Researcher
Award** for their enthusiasm related to research and
evidence-based practice.

Wendy Wheeler, Critical Care Transport Nurse was
awarded the **COVID-19 Civilian Response Medal**



National Recognition

Magnet

Connecticut Children's nursing begins the journey towards our second Magnet designation! Our Magnet document will be submitted in 2023 compiled of stories of Connecticut Children's RNs, APRNs, and nurse leaders throughout the organization.



Clinical Advancements

Moving to Level 1

- Heather Boudle – 1, Sedation
- Jenifer Long – 1, Sedation
- Randyll Robidoux – 1, Sedation
- Hanna Basile – 1, MS8
- Tracey Murphy – 1, NICU
- Alicia Marquis – 1, NICU
- Veronica Roczniak – 1, NICU
- April Loisneau -1, NICU
- Maria Tompkins – 1, ED
- Jaime McCurry-1, Endocrinology
- Emily Lewis-1, Endocrinology
- Ashley Bowman-1, Central Office/Float Pool

Moving to Level 2

- Julia Gardner – 2, Ambulatory
- Lisa Fichera – 2, NICU
- Katherine Malan – 2, Float Pool
- James Hallowell – 2, ASC
- Stephanie Baldino – 2, ASC
- Doreen O'Connell – 2, PACU
- Tiffany Morytko -2, OR
- Theresa DeSocio -2, PACU
- Mary DeSocio -2, OR
- Francine Rossing – 2, OR
- Kristyn Ryan – 2, MS7
- Kara Arndt- 2. Orthopedics

Moving to Level 3

- Erin Scanlon – 3, PICU

Preceptor Awards



2022 Preceptors of the Year

- Andrea Briatico, MA (Infusion Center)
- Missy Cohen, RN (MS8)
- Brittany Raffles, RN (OR)

Nurse Residency Program Receives Accreditation as a Practice Transition Accreditation Program (PTAP)!



Connecticut Children's has received accreditation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) through its Practice Transition Accreditation Program (PTAP). This is the highest recognition an organization can be awarded by the ANCC for a transition to practice program and a true testament to our commitment for nursing excellence. Our evidence-based nursing residency curriculum offers residents a collaborative learning environment to successfully transition into clinical practice. Residents are given the opportunity to work alongside experienced staff and learn in a real-life setting to be better prepared and more confident as they enter the workforce.



2022 Women's Choice Award® Best Children's Hospital

Connecticut Children's has been named as a Best Children's Hospital by the Women's Choice Award®, America's trusted referral source for the best in healthcare. Connecticut Children's also received this award in **2021, 2020, 2019, 2018** and **2017**.



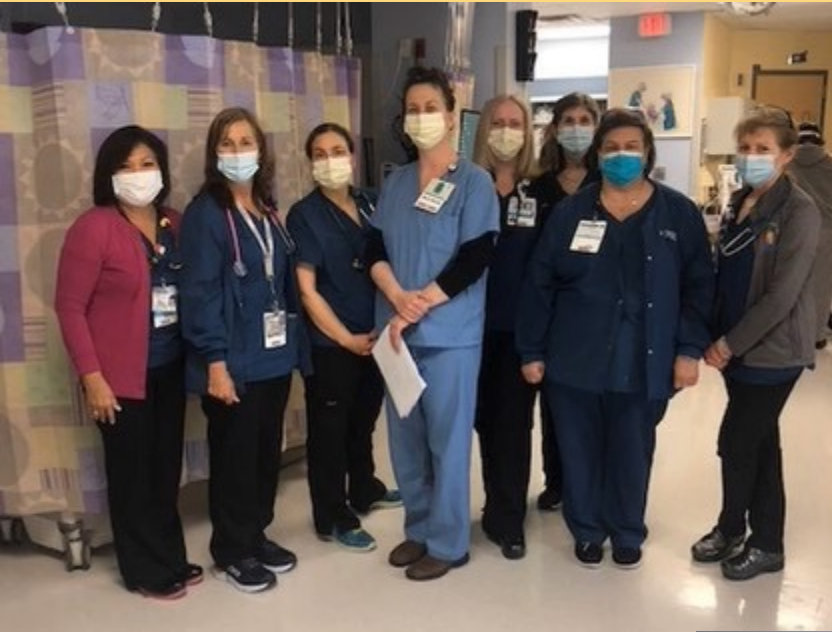
and surgical experts at locations conveniently located throughout the region, we are ready to meet your family's health needs wherever you call home. Connecticut Children's is proud to announce that its neonatology is the state's top ranked program. Connecticut Children's Division of Neonatology provides exceptional newborn care – and a supportive, compassionate experience for families when they need it most. With care in 14 NICUs and delivery units, the peace of mind new parents deserve is conveniently close to home. Our Care Alliance partnerships with adult health systems allow us to deliver neonatal care that is the best in the region. We are always at the forefront of research, constantly looking to advance treatments for the most pre-term and high-risk of infants. In addition to its neonatology ranking, Connecticut Children's was also ranked in the Top 50 programs nationally in Gastroenterology and GI Surgery and Urology. Connecticut Children's will always treat your child as Number One – everywhere, every time!

2022-23 U.S. News & World Report Best Children's Hospital

Ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a 2022-2023 Best Children's Hospital, children and families are at the center of attention in each of our 30 highly recognized subspecialties. Staffed by 1,000 top medical



Nurse's Week Celebrations

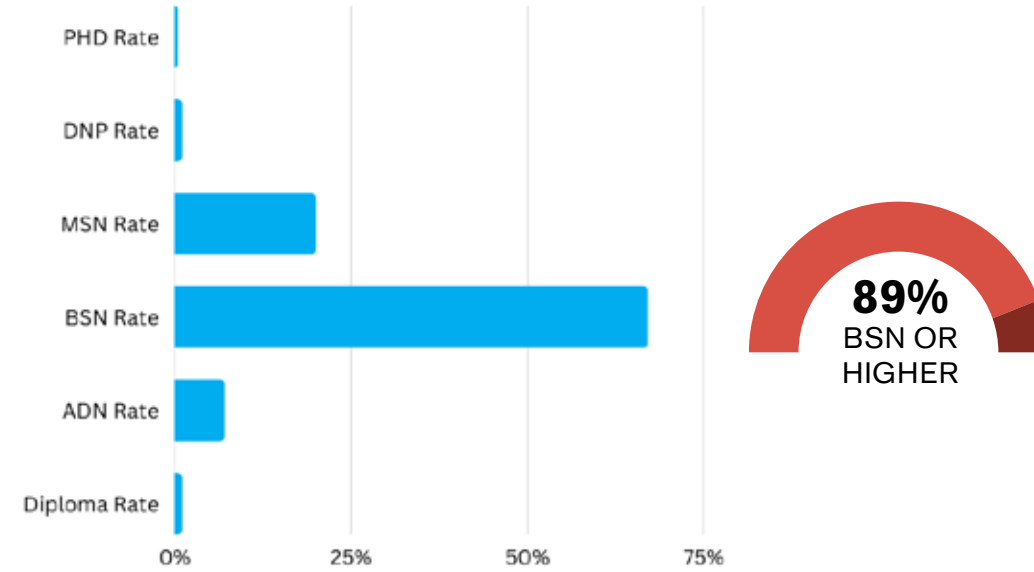


Professional Development



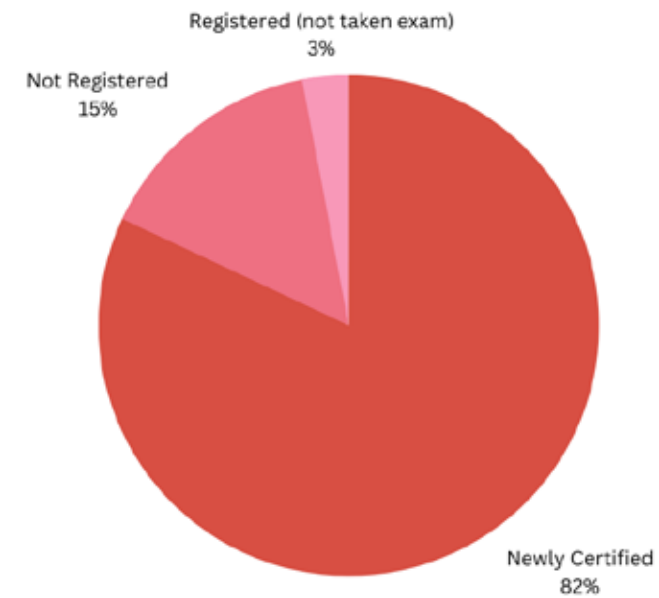
Nurse Education – Degrees

Highest Level of Nursing Education (Hospital-wide)



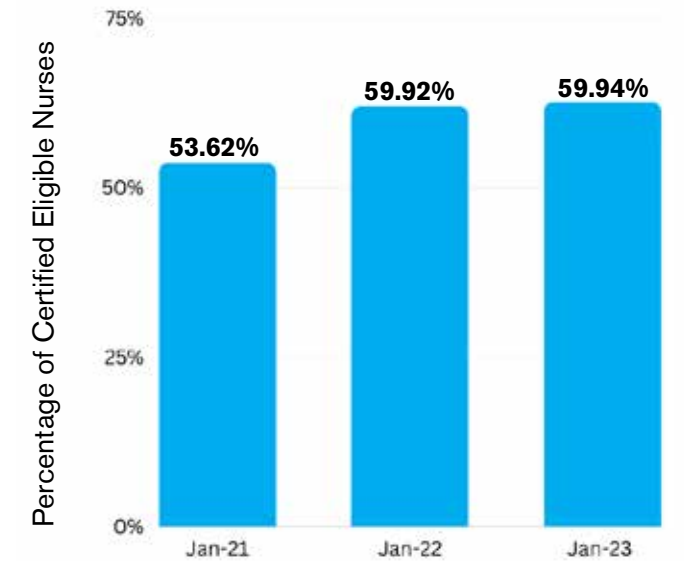
Review Course Results

Goal: 85% of nurses who attended a review course will subsequently obtain their specialty certification



Certification Rates

Hospital-wide



Student Nurse Intern

Under the direct supervision of a Registered Nurse as part of an inpatient/hospital unit, Student Nurse Interns (SNIs) perform a variety of routine direct patient care, environmental, and administrative support activities to promote the health, safety, and comfort of patients and families. SNIs also participate in weekly educational sessions to further their understanding of the inner workings of Connecticut Children's and the art of nursing. Topics include Palliative Care, Organ Donation, Introduction to PICU/NICU, Social Media Do's and Don'ts and Risk Management.

2021

ED:
Serena McCoy
Carolyn Vasquez

MS6:
Alyssa Donahue
Olivia Fiore

MS7:
Rachel Blackwell
Caroline Hamilton

MS8:
Chelsea Bergamini
Maribella Sousa

NICU:
Emma Agli
Lola (Dorothy) Kane

PICU:
Kamron Ghorheshi
Samantha Oris

2022

ED:
Michaela Bedard
Erin Edgar

MS6:
Florencia Caces
Giovanna Pascale
Julia Semmel
Alexus Trudeau

MS7:
Rachel Farrugia
Amayia Giscombe
Cara Hess
Corinne Raphino

MS8:
Aliza Kennelly
Alexandra Leitao
Jillian Parmelee
Mikayla Raffone

NICU:
Laura Jepson
Abigail Wilding

PERIOP:
Jessica Berry
Millicent Hines
Taylor Leavitt

PICU:
Millie Baldinger
Meghan Domanico



Flynn Fellows

The Susan D. Flynn Pediatric Oncology Nursing Fellowship program is intended to help stimulate the career interest and foster the professional development of potential Pediatric Oncology Nurses. The program is focused on the critically important field of Oncology Nursing. The Fellowship enhances the Student Nurse Intern's core clinical education through direct involvement with Oncology patient care, expert training in compassionate care, and exposure to related patient care duties and services that typify Oncology nurses' valuable role and important inter-relationships with other members of the healthcare team. Opportunities to attend various pertinent internal educational programs and meetings with key team members at Connecticut Children's provide additional learning experiences for the Student Nurse Intern. The Flynn Fellowship Student Nurse Intern functions as a Patient Care Assistant, under the direct supervision of a Registered Nurse, and is provided with a comprehensive scope of direct observational and learning experiences related to Oncology Nursing.

2021

Renata Abiali, BSN, RN
Amanda Brocki, BSN, RN

2022



Zachary Hogan
BSN, RN



Quyen Le
BSN, RN



Olivia LoGiudice
BSN, RN

Academic Partnerships

2021-2022 Nursing School Affiliations

Undergraduate & Graduate

- Capital Community College
- Central Connecticut State University
- Charter Oak State College
- Fairfield University
- Goodwin University
- Quinnipiac University
- Sacred Heart University
- Southern Connecticut State University
- University of Connecticut
- University of Hartford
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of Saint Joseph
- Western Connecticut State University
- Yale University

Number of Undergraduate Clinical Groups Placed by Semester

Spring 2022

- Fairfield University - 2
- Goodwin University - 1
- Quinnipiac University - 5
- Sacred Heart University - 4
- Southern Connecticut State University - 1
- University of Connecticut - 4
- University of Hartford - 4

Summer 2022

- Fairfield University - 1
- Goodwin University - 3
- Quinnipiac University - 5
- Southern Connecticut State University - 1
- University of Connecticut - 5



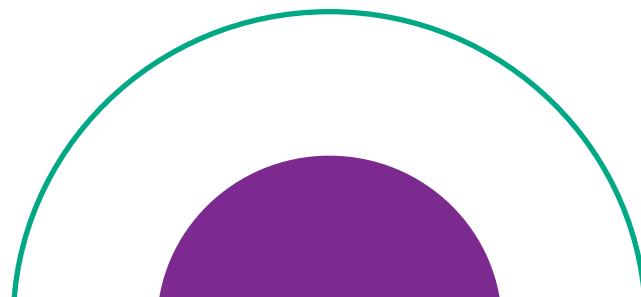
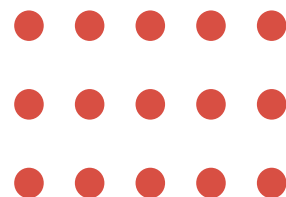


Institute for Nursing Research & Evidence Based Practice

Nursing Research & Evidence-Based Practice Fellowship

The Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Fellowship is an 18-month program offered by the **Institute for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice (INR)**. Since its inception in 2015, 25 nurse fellows have graduated from the fellowship program. In 2022, the fellowship program expanded and with the support of Clinical Operations and the Office of Advanced Practice Providers the program was opened to advanced practice providers, clinicians, and allied-health professionals. Fellows receive didactic content, protocol development support, and project mentoring throughout the course of the program. The purpose of the program is to assist teams of staff nurses, nurse leaders, nurse educators, advanced practice providers (APPs), and allied health team members to develop a relevant research or evidence-based practice project that will result in achieving best patient or institutional outcomes with the greatest likelihood of success.

Despite the COVID pandemic, three nurses completed the fellowship program for the 2019-2021 cohort. **Marie Desjarlais, MSN, RN, CPN, CWOCN** (Clinical Nurse III, Surgery) completed her evidence-based project titled, *Evidence-Based Self-Care Recommendations for Teens with Pilonidal Sinus Disease*. **Kristi Iacuone, BSN, RN, CPN** (Nurse Manager, MedSurg 6) and **Sarah Visker, MSN, RN-BC** (Manager, Clinical Integration) completed their project, *Leveraging the Nursing Impact Dashboard to Drive Quality Improvement*.



2022-2023 Research & EBP Fellows

CHRISTINA GIUDICE, MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC (PMH) & CATHY SULLIVAN, MD (PMH)

Study of Patients Presenting to an Acute Care Pediatric Hospital Identified With Somatic Symptom and Related Disorders

NANNETTE KYER, BSN, RN, IBCLC (NICU) & SILVANA MICHAEL, MSN, RN, IBCLC (NICU)

The Impact of Prenatal Breastfeeding Education on Pumping Frequency at One Month Postpartum Among Mothers of Pre-Term NICU Patients

KIMBERLEY ROCHE, MSN, PPCNP-BC, APRN (Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders)

Development of an Evidenced-Based Employee Wellness Program at Connecticut Children's

DYLAN ROMAN, DPT (Physical Therapy) & ADAM WEAVER, DPT (Physical Therapy)

The Relationship between Early Outcomes and Long Term Function Following Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction in Adolescents

VIRGINIA VAN EPPS, M.ED., CCC-SLP (Speech Therapy), JODI URZUA, MS, CCC-SLP (Speech Therapy), MORGAN VOLLERO, MS, CCC-SLP (Speech Therapy), EMMA MENDILLO, MA, CCC-SLP (Speech Therapy), & MARY DORTENZIO, MS, CCC-SLP (Speech Therapy)

Frequency of Speech Therapy and Outcomes in Speech-Language Pathology

Nursing Research & EBP Accomplishments

Publications, Presentations, Grants and Awards

10/01/2020 – 9/30/2022
Nurse Authors are **bolded**

NURSING PUBLICATIONS

Apanovitch, A. R., McGrath, J. M., McGlothen-Bell, K., & **Briere, C. E.** (2021). Neonatal intensive care unit admission temperatures of infants 1500 g or more: The cold truth. *Advances in Neonatal Care*, 21(3), 214–221. <https://doi.org/10.1097/ANC.0000000000000787>

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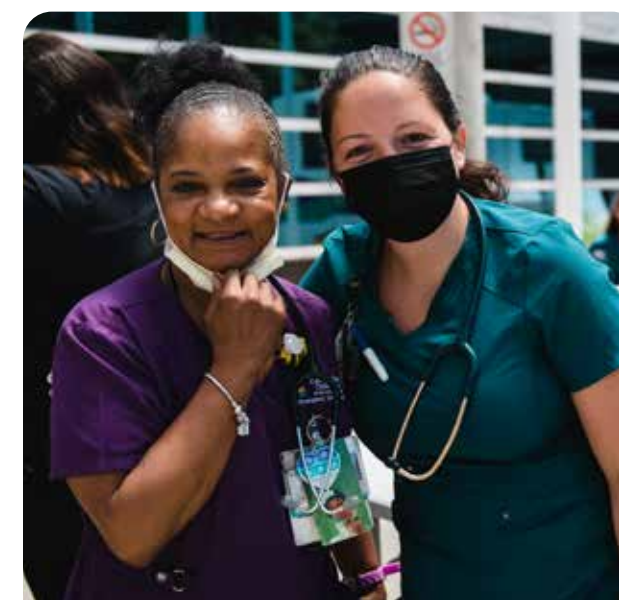
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PODIUM PRESENTATIONS

Adams, B. (2022, April). *From Nothing to Something: Anchoring an Advanced Practice Nursing Infrastructure*. Podium presentation at the AONL 2022: Inspiring Leaders Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Boyd, T., Engelke, K., & Lake, M. (2021, October). *It's a Mab Mab Mab Mab World*. Virtual podium presentation at the APHON 2021 Annual Conference.

Briere, C.E., Kankaew, S., Mwalingo, T., & Clohisy, J. (2022, October). Optimizing Human Milk Composition for Preterm Infants: The Impact of Storage on Cellular Components. *The 21st ISRHML Conference of the International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation*, Panama City, Panama.



Conner, T., Davis, A., & Neff, E. (2021, October). *Nursing Comfort in Allowing Parents to Hold Infants while Receiving Therapeutic Hypothermia*. Virtual podium presentation at the 25th Annual Evidence Based Practice Conference of the Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance, Hartford, CT.

Dibble, M., Shafer, M., & Storey, B. (2020, November). *Beyond the Classroom: Engaging Adult Learners during a Pandemic*. Virtual podium presentation at the Connecticut Hospital Association Meeting.

Ellis, D. (2021, June). *Family Engagement at the Newborn Screening (NBS), Genetic Counseling and Advisory Group Level*. Virtual podium presentation at The National Family Voices Leadership Conference.

Fairchild, W., Tam, F., Wentland, B., Macioce, C., Brimacombe, M., **Bopp, J.**, Heller, F., Upadhyay, S., **Grant, C., & Hinderer, K.** (2021, October). *Self-management in Adults with Congenital Heart Disease*. Virtual oral presentation, 1st Annual Research Symposium, Connecticut Children's.

Fisher, B., Meyer, A., Brown, A., **Keller, M. C.**, McKeown, T., Tiller, J., & Duffy, E. (2022, September). *Targeting Patient and Family Education for ALK/MEK Inhibitor Therapy: What We Learned from the COG Nursing Evidenced Based Project*. COG concurrent session at APHON 46th Annual Conference and Exhibit, West Palm Beach, FL.

Fisher, B., Meyer, A., Brown, A., **Keller, M. C.**, McKeown, T., Tiller, J., & Duffy, E. (2022, September). *Targeting Patient and Family Education for ALK/MEK Inhibitor Therapy: What We Learned from the COG Nursing Evidenced Based Project*. Podium presentation at the 2022 Children's Oncology Group Fall Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Hamre, T. (2021, April). *Pediatric Palliative Care from 30,000 feet*. Virtual podium presentation at the Connecticut Advance Practice Registered Nurse Society Annual Conference.

Hinderer, K. A. (2020, October). *Research, EBP, and QI, Oh My!* Virtual keynote address at the 24th Annual Evidence Based Practice Conference of the Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance.



Iacuone, K., & Visser, S. (2021, October). *Leveraging the Nursing Impact Dashboard to Drive Quality Improvement*. Virtual podium presentation at the 25th Annual Evidence Based Practice Conference of the Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance, Hartford, CT.

Keller, M. C., & Holden, E. (2022, September). *We're Done! Now What? Determining End of Treatment Needs of Childhood Cancer Survivors and their Parents*. Podium presentation at APHON 46th Annual Conference and Exhibit, West Palm Beach, FL.

Lord, S. (2020, November). *Highlights from the European Pressure Injury Advisory Panel Conference*. Virtual podium presentation at the Connecticut Wound Ostomy Continence Nurses Society Meeting.

Shafer, M., Storey, B., & Overton, K. (2020, October). *Improving Confidence in Caring for Pediatric Patients in Behavioral Health Crisis Utilizing Teach Back and Simulation Training*. Virtual podium presentation at the 24th Annual Evidence Based Practice Conference of the Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance.

Van Dusen, K., & **Wheeler, W.** (2022, September-October). *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*. Podium presentation at Emergency Nursing 2022, Denver, Colorado.

Vance, A., Polfuss, M., Mooney-Doyle, K., **Keller, M.**, Gralton, K., & Giambra, B. (2021, July). *Development of a Family-focused Research Pamphlet*. Virtual podium presentation at the 15th International Family Nursing Conference.

Visser, S. (2021, January). *Connecticut Children's - High Trust in IT*. Virtual podium presentation at the Arch Collaborative Virtual Nursing Workshop.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Barber, A., Megan, H., & Skinner, B. A. (2021, October). *Implementation of Self Care Practices for Nurse Residents and its Effect on Nurse Burnout and Stress*. Virtual poster presentation at the 25th Annual Evidence Based Practice Conference of the Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance.

Bareiss, A., Lopes, J., Mendelson, N., & Wentland, B. (2021, October). *Orthostatic Vital Signs: An Evidence-Based Approach to Standardizing Care*



in Pediatric and Adolescent Patients. Virtual poster presentation at the 25th Annual Evidence Based Practice Conference of the Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance.

Bernier-Carney, K., Goodrich, G., Kiza, A., **Hinderer, K. A.** & Cong, X. (2022, March-April). *The Who, When, Why, & How of Specialized Pediatric Palliative Care Referrals: A Scoping Review*. Poster presentation at the 34th Annual Scientific Session of ENRS: Charting the Path of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion through Nursing Science, Providence, RI.

Briere, C. E., Mwalingo, T., Clohisy, J., Kankaew, S., Srichalerm, T., Ochacher, J., Story, G., Sela, D. & Spencer, R. (2022, October). *Investigating Human Milk as a Complex System in the Early Postpartum Period: The Interplay of Sleep Loss and Milk Composition*. Poster presentation at the 21st ISRHML Conference of the International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation, Panama City, Panama.

Briere, C. E., Mwalingo, T., Srichalerm, T., Kankaew, S., & Clohisy, J. (2022, July). *Investigating the Associations between Postpartum Sleep Loss and Changes in Human Milk Composition*. Poster presentation at Sigma's 33rd International Nursing Research Congress, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Briere, C. E., Mwalingo, T., Srichalerm, T., Kankaew, S., & Clohisy, J. (2022, April). *Postpartum Sleep Loss: Investigating the Associations between Sleep, Health, and Human Milk Composition*. Poster presentation at the 34th Annual Scientific Session of ENRS: Charting the Path of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion through Nursing Science, Providence, RI.

Burdon, E., **O'Brien, R., Hinderer, K. A.**, Hussain, N., & Pappagallo, M. (2020, October). *Early Human Milk Fortification*. Virtual Poster Presentation at the 24th Annual Evidence Based Practice Conference of the Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance, Hartford, CT.

Burdon, E., **O'Brien, R., Hinderer, K. A.**, Hussein, N., & Pappagallo, M. (2021, March). *Early Human Milk Fortification*. Virtual poster presentation at the ASPEN 2021 Nutrition Science & Practice Virtual Conference.

Ciarlo, A., Frazer, M., & Briere, C-E. (2021, October). *Multifactorial Approach to Neonatal Hypothermia Prevention*. Virtual poster presentation at the 25th Annual Evidence Based Practice Conference of the Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance, Hartford, CT.

Dibble, M. & Storey, B. (2021, August). *Rapid Pivot in a Pandemic: Implementing Engaging Virtual Training Models*. Virtual poster presentation at ANPD Annual Convention.

Fairchild, W., Tam, F., Wentland, B., Macioce, C., Brimacombe, M., **Bopp, J.**, Heller, F., Upadhyay, S., & **Hinderer, K. A.** (2022, April). *Self-management in Adults with Congenital Heart Disease*. Poster Presentation at the ACC.22: American College of Cardiology's 71st Annual Scientific Session and Expo, Washington, D. C.

Frazer, M., & Ciarlo, A. (2021, October). *Delivery Room Response Team Leveling*. Virtual poster presentation at the 25th Annual Evidence Based Practice Conference of the Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance.

Elliott, C. (2020, October). *Ambulatory Outreach: Diabetes Education for School Nurses*. Accepted for Poster Presentation at 2020 ANCC National Magnet Conference (unable to present due to COVID).

Grant, C., & Clark, M. (2021, October). *Congenital Heart Disease Transition Programs: A Narrative Review*. Virtual poster presentation at the 25th Annual Evidence Based Practice Conference of the Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance.

Hart, L., & Kervick, M. (2022, September). *Forget the Filter: An Evidence-Based Approach to Etoposide Reactions*. Virtual poster presentation at APHON 46th Annual Conference and Exhibit.

Heermance, A. (2021, October). *Increasing Compliance with Bedside Safety Checks in a Pediatric Nursing Unit*. Virtual poster presentation at the 25th Annual Evidence Based Practice Conference of the Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance.

Hill, D., Guertin, B., Conforto, T., Lussier, M., Kwasnicki, B., Malik, M., & Johnson, K. (2020, November). *Improving Time to First Hold for Infants <32 Weeks*. Virtual Poster Presentation at the Vermont Oxford Network Improvement Science Virtual Science Expo.

Hill, D., Guertin, B., Conforto, T., Rounds, E., Kyer, N., Murray, J., Goodman, J., **Lussier, M.**, Kwasnicki, B., Malik, M. & Johnson, K. (2021, May). *Parental Holding of NICU Patients: Increasing Consistency in and Reducing Time to First Hold*. Virtual poster presentation at NEANN Annual Conference 2021.



Lussier, M., Kyer, N., Connors, L., Belanger, S., & Michael, S. (2021, May). *Innovative Technology to Improve Patient Feeding Safety*. Virtual poster presentation at NEANN Annual Conference 2021.

Molcan, M., & Carter, B. (2021, October). *PICU RN ECMO Competency during the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Virtual poster presentation at the 25th Annual Evidence Based Practice Conference of the Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance.

Ray, M. & Baldi, C. (2020, October). *Rest is Best: Reducing Pediatric Vital Sign Frequency*. Accepted for Poster Presentation at 2020 ANCC National Magnet Conference (unable to present due to COVID).

Sellew, F., & Paula-Santos, K. (2020, October-November). *Intranasal Dexmedetomidine: A Better Alternative to Propofol for Sedated Brain Auditory Evoked Response Test*. Virtual poster presentation at the Society for Pediatric Sedation 2020 Virtual Conference.

Thakore, S., Ford, B., Codrington, L., Rancourt, J., **Herr, J.**, Molta, S., **Tucker, L.**, Johnson, K., & Golioto, A. (2020, November). *A Quality Improvement Initiative to Decrease Delivery Room Intubation in VLBW Neonates*. Virtual Poster Presentation at the Vermont Oxford Network Improvement Science Virtual Science Expo.

Wentland, B. (2021, August). *Orthostatic Vital Signs: An Evidence-Based Approach to Standardizing Care*. Virtual poster presentation at ANPD Annual Convention.

INVITED PODIUM PRESENTATIONS

Briere, C. E. (2022, September). *Neonatal Intensive Care in a Petri Dish: A Nurse Scientist's Career Trajectory in Translational Research*. Podium presentation at Connecticut Children's Nursing Grand Rounds, Hartford, CT.

Briere, C.E. (2022, May). *From Bedside to Bench and Back Again: A Nurse Scientist's Career Trajectory in Translational Research*. Podium presentation to CTSA Nurse Scientist Special Interest Group, Worcester, MA.

Conforto, T., & Kyer, N. (2021, October). *Improving Time to First Hold: A NICU Quality Improvement Initiative*. Virtual podium presentation at Connecticut Children's Nursing Grand Rounds: Sustaining the

Spirit of Inquiry: A Showcase of Nursing's Impact on Research, Evidence, and Improvement at Connecticut Children's, Hartford, CT.

Dibble, M. (2021, April). *Nursing Pathways & Opportunities: Nurses Working in Hospital Settings*. Connecticut Nurses Association virtual panel presentation.

Dibble, M. (2021, April). *NPD Specialists as Leaders: How to Become One*. Virtual podium presentation at Connecticut ANPD Affiliate Educational Meeting.

Elliott, C., & Hinderer, K. (2022, September). *Insulin Pump Use in Children with Type 1 Diabetes: Over a Decade of Disparities*. Virtual journal club presentation at Connecticut Children's, Hartford, CT.

Ellis, D. (2021, February). *Newborn Screening in Connecticut*. Podium presentation at Yale Genetics Grand Rounds.

Ellis, D. (2021, March). *The Connecticut Newborn Diagnosis & Treatment Network: NICU Overview*. Podium presentation to the Connecticut Children's NICU Network.

Ellis, D. (2021, April). *The Connecticut Newborn Diagnosis & Treatment Network*. Virtual podium presentation at Connecticut Children's Grand Rounds.

Ellis, D. (2021, June). *The Connecticut Newborn Diagnosis & Treatment Network*. Podium presentation at the Office of Community Child Health Virtual Lunch & Learn.

Ellis, D. (2021, September). *Newborn Screening is Innovation: Engaging Families in the Newborn Screening System*. Virtual podium presentation at Expecting Health National Newborn Screening Awareness Month Webinar.

Ellis, D., & Raboin, K. (2021, September). *Connecticut's Newborn Screening System: An Integrated Approach to Improving Long Term Health Outcomes*. Virtual webinar presentation for Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Ellis, D., & Raboin, K. (2022, June). *The Connecticut Newborn Screening Network: Engaging Families AND Providers*. Virtual podium presentation at HRSA's Big Table discussion.

Ellis, D., & Raboin, K. (2022, August). *The Connecticut Newborn Screening System's Long Term Follow up Program*. Virtual podium presentation/national update for Advisory Committee on Heritable Diseases in Newborns & Children (ACHDNC).

Hinderer, K. A. (2021, January). *Conducting a Literature Search to Support your Question*. Virtual podium presentation at the Nursing Research Council Meeting at Hartford Hospital.

Hinderer, K. A. (2021, May). *Nursing Pathways & Opportunities: Nurses Working in Unique Settings*. Connecticut Nurses Association virtual panel presentation.

Hinderer, K. A. (2022, February). *Strategies for Clinical Nurses: Searching the Literature to Support a Clinical Question*. Invited virtual presentation, VA Nebraska Western Iowa, Omaha, NE

Hinderer, K. A. (2021, June). *Critical Analysis and Examination of the Literature: Practical Applications for NICU Nurses*. Virtual journal club presentation, Connecticut Children's, Hartford, CT.

Koss, M., & Brink, S. (2022, January). *Current Malpractice Environment and Strategies to Mitigate Claims & Losses*. Virtual podium presentation at Connecticut Children's Nursing Grand Rounds.

Kraus, S., Paula Santos, K., Spatcher, A., & Visker, S. (2020, October). *Nursing Shared Governance in a Pediatric Hospital*. Virtual podium presentation at Connecticut Children's Nursing Grand Rounds.

Querim, J., Nielsen, H., & Brungard, S. (2021, October). *Clinical Research Nursing* Virtual podium presentation at Connecticut Children's Nursing Grand Rounds: Sustaining the Spirit of Inquiry: A Showcase of Nursing's Impact on Research, Evidence, and Improvement at Connecticut Children's, Hartford, CT.

Santangelo, A., Wesoloskie, T., Cohen, B., & Vonrichthofen, T. (2021, March). *A Family Forum: Partnering with Families to Impact the Pediatric Experience*. Virtual podium presentation at Connecticut Children's Nursing Grand Rounds.

Vittner, D. (2021, January). *The Influence of Stress and Burnout on Decision-Making and Family-Centered Care*. Virtual podium presentation at Connecticut Children's Nursing Grand Rounds.

Wentland, B. (2021, October). *Orthostatic Vital Signs: An Evidence-Based Approach to Standardizing Care in Pediatric and Adolescent Patients*. Virtual podium presentation at Connecticut Children's Nursing Grand Rounds: Sustaining the Spirit of Inquiry: A Showcase of Nursing's Impact on Research, Evidence, and Improvement at Connecticut Children's.



GRANTS

APHON Evidence-Based Practice Grant
Mary Keller, MSN, RN, CPHON was awarded the APHON EBP grant in December, 2020 as principal investigator of the project: *Developing, Implementing, and Evaluating an Evidence-Based Psychoeducational Program that Addresses the End of Treatment Needs of Children and Adolescents with Cancer and Their Parents in an Outpatient Hematology/Oncology Clinic Setting*. Project co-investigators include: Lauren Ayr-Volta, PhD; **Drew Needham, BSN, RN, CPHON, CPN**; **Courtney King, RN, CPON**; Kelly Foy, MS, CCLS; Lauren Ayr-Volta, PhD; Liz Marconi; **Liz Holden, BSN, RN, CPHON**; **Leigh Hart, BSN, RN, CPON**; **Karina Engelke MSN, PNP-BC, CPON**; & **Katherine A. Hinderer, PhD, RN, CNE, NEA-BC.**

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Katherine A. Hinderer, PhD, RN, CNE, NEA-BC was awarded a Sheila Packard Memorial Award as principal investigator for the project: *School Nurse Experiences with Behavioral Health in Connecticut*

Schools. Project co-investigators include: **Laurie Derynioski, RN, CPN**; Kevin Borrup, JD, D.Ph.; Steve Rogers, MD; Melissa Santos, PhD; Danielle Chenard, MPH; & Megan Clough.

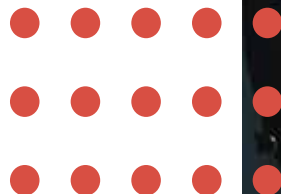
UConn School of Medicine Faculty Seed Grant
Raina Sinha, MD, **Katherine A. Hinderer, PhD, RN, CNE, NEA-BC**; & Marilyn Katz, MD, co-principal investigators, were awarded the 2021 UConn School of Medicine Faculty Seed Grant for the project: *Barriers to Gender Parity in Thoracic Surgery Career Selection during Medical School – A Pilot Study*.

GRANTS WITH NURSES AS COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

Connecticut Department of Public Health
Karen Rubin, MD was awarded multiple grants from the Connecticut DPH. From project start to April, 2021. **Debra Ellis, BSN, RN** served as project coordinator and **Katie Raboin, BSN, RN-BC** served as nurse analyst on the funded project, *Connecticut Newborn Diagnosis and Treatment Network* Additional DPH funding for this project was awarded in 2022 with **Debra Ellis, BSN, RN** as project coordinator and **Katie Raboin, BSN, RN-BC** as senior analyst, and **Meghan Criscuolo, BSN, RN, CPN** as nurse analyst. The current funding extends until June of 2025.

Health Resources and Services Administration
Karen Rubin, MD was awarded a HRSA grant in August, 2021 for the project, *Connecticut's Newborn Screening System: An Integrated Approach to Improving Long Term Health Outcomes*, with **Debra Ellis, BSN, RN** as project coordinator and **Katie Raboin, BSN, RN-BC** as nurse analyst.

The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Karen Rubin, MD was awarded this grant in October, 2020 for the project, *Leveraging Telehealth and the Family Voice to deliver on the Promise of Newborn Screening* with **Debra Ellis, BSN, RN** as project coordinator and **Katie Raboin, BSN, RN-BC** as nurse analyst.





Did you know THIS about our nurses?

Basia Adams, DNP, APRN presented *From Nothing to Something: Anchoring an Advanced Practice Infrastructure* at the 2022 American Organization of Nurse Leaders conference April 11-14 in San Antonio, TX. Her presentation was selected from a very competitive pool of over 500 abstracts!

Heather Buck, BSN, RN, Assistant Nurse Manager of our PICU, is a former UCONN Women's basketball player and was named to the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

Ongoing work of **Amy Ciarlo, BS-RNC and Milena Frazer, BS-RNC** of the NICU (past graduates of the Nursing Research and EBP Fellowship Program) resulted in a decrease of neonates that presented with hypothermia on admission to the NICU from 31% in 2014 to 1.4% in 2021.

First-time nurse authors, **Melissa Dibble, MSN, RN, NPD-BC; Taryn Hamre, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC; & Kim Mancinelli Hough, MSN, RN, CPN** published manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals in 2022.

Comalita Elliot, BSN, RN, CDE of Endocrinology frequently goes on mission trips to Haiti to provide diabetes education for families in severe poverty situations and works diligently to compile supplies in between each trip and brings them with her.

Whitney Fairchild, MSN, FNP-BC, APRN & Felicia Tam, RN of Cardiology (also former Nursing Research and EBP Fellows) presented their research study, *Self-Management in Adults with Congenital Heart Disease* at the 2022 American College of Cardiology Conference, ACC 71st Scientific Session in Washington, DC.

Alex Ford, BSN, RN, pediatric oncology nurse, was named one of USA Today's Women of the Year, which honors women across the country who have made a significant impact. Learn more about how she got into medicine, her path to Connecticut Children's and what has inspired her along the way by reading this interview featured in The Bulletin.

Audrey Heermance, MSN, RN, CNL, of MS 7, graduated from Sacred Heart University's Clinical Nurse Leader program and received the Outstanding Field Placement Award.

Kim Mancinelli Hough, MSN, RN, CPN, of Perioperative Services wrote a manuscript focused on suicide screening, "Don't Ask, Won't Tell: Suicide Screening in the Pediatric Perioperative Setting" that was accepted for publication in the *Comprehensive Child and Adolescent Nursing Journal*!

Jennifer Querim, BSN, RN, CCRP of clinical trials was promoted to Senior Clinical Nurse Research Coordinator Position.

Kimberley Roche, MSN, PPCNP-BC, APRN led an interprofessional team that conducted a randomized study, *Coping During COVID-19: A Pilot Study on the Impact of Gratitude Journaling or Cognitive Strategies on Healthcare Work*.

Shanice Sterling, RN of the Emergency Department (ED) is working on an evidence-based practice project to improve medication barcode scanning in the ED. She is using evidence and nurse feedback to help improve medication administration processes. Graduated with her BSN from Charter Oak College in 2022

Dorothy Vittner, PhD, RN, FAAN, of our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit is one of 2,900 nurses across the country to be inducted as a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, which is dedicated to serving the public and the nursing profession. Admission to the Academy requires evidence that the individuals have made outstanding contributions to nursing and/or healthcare.

Beth Wentland, MBA, BSN, RN, NPD-BC of the Institute for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice and Nursing Excellence received EBP Certification from The Helene Fuld Health Trust National Institute for Evidence-based Practice in Nursing and Healthcare. This certification recognizes demonstrated expertise in EBP and denotes advanced intensive continuing education or graduate study in EBP.

Tara Wesoloskie, BSN, RN, CPN of the Post Anesthesia Care Unit is also the coordinator of PJ Day for the Kids, a state-wide fundraiser for Connecticut Children's that encourages children and adults alike to wear their pajamas in support of children battling cancer. PJ Day raised \$650K in 2021 and donations

in 2022 are expected to exceed 2021!

The Ambulatory Community workforce group, chaired by nurses **Sam Witham, BSN, RN, CPN (Neurology), Sarah McKean, BSN, RN, CPN (Neurology), Barbara Mulholland, BSN, RN, CPN (Aerodigestive clinic) and Ann Mendicino-Wrinn, BSN, RN, CPN (Rheumatology)** spearheads many community support events for greater Hartford area alongside their team members. Such events include delivering meals on holidays, hosting education tables in the community, gardening and growing food for senior citizens and more.

Critical Care Transport Nurse **Wendy Wheeler, MA, BSN, RN, EMT, CEN, CPEN, NHDP-BC** is a Nurse Specialist for the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) and is on the Emergency Management and Preparedness Committee of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) and serves on the International Council of Nurses (ICN) Disaster Competencies Group.

Former nurse residents presented at the Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance 25th Annual Nursing Research and EBP Conference: NICU West Nurses **Tess Conner, BSN, RN; Abigail Davis, BSN, RN; & Erinne Neff, BSN, RN** conducted a virtual oral presentation titled *Nursing Comfort in Allowing Parents to Hold Infants while Receiving Therapeutic Hypothermia* and **Ashley Barber, BSN, RN (MS 7); Hannah Megan BSN, RN (PICU); and Bobbi-Anna Skinner, ADN, RN (ED)** presented a virtual poster of their nurse residency project, *Implementation of Self Care Practices for Nurse Residents and its Effect on Nurse Burnout and Stress*.

