



Niagara Health System
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NEWS RELEASE

Monday, May 11, 2015

Join us in thanking our nurses for all that they do

Nursing Week 2015 begins today at the Niagara Health System, and it is a great opportunity for us to publicly recognize the work our nurses do to provide quality healthcare to local residents.

At 2,021 strong, our Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses and Registered Practical Nurses make up almost half of the total NHS staff complement, caring for an estimated 500,000 patients each year. The impact of our nurses' contributions is felt in every aspect of care across our hospital system.

In keeping with the 2015 Nursing Week theme, "Leaders in healthcare, with you every step of the way," our focus this year ranges from patient care at the bedside, which is the more traditional role generally associated with nursing, to the more contemporary role of the profession that has emerged, and includes nursing research, graduate education and other scholarly activity.

Nurses Week Awards, Monday, May 11, 2015

Club Italia, 2525 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls

7:30 p.m.: Nursing Awards presented to recipients from across Niagara

"The way we deliver care is changing based on technology, new advances in science and other advances, all to the benefit of our patients," says NHS Executive Vice President and Chief Nursing Executive Derek McNally. "More and more, the nursing profession is influenced by research and best practices in healthcare. The changing role of the front-line nurse highlights the need for specialized clinical knowledge in all that they do to contribute to high-quality nursing care at the NHS."

Nursing Week is being celebrated this week across Canada. At the NHS, Nursing Excellence Awards will be presented this evening at the annual Nursing Dinner to 12 outstanding recipients who have been nominated by their peers from across our sites.

Another feature of this evening's event will focus on our nurses' scholarly achievements over the last year. These achievements include presentations to hospital leaders at provincial and national conferences, research articles in nursing journals, research scholarship awards, and national certifications in specialty areas of care. Please see the attached Appendix for a full listing of our nurses' achievements.

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APPENDIX
Niagara Health System Nursing Scholarship Achievements 2014-2015

Cindy Bryson

Re-Certification Nephrology Nursing
Canadian Nurses' Association
April 2015

Chair, Canadian Association of Nephrology Nurses and Technologists (CANNT) Conference
Niagara Falls, Ontario
October 23-25, 2014

Maria Cancellara

Certification Exam Peri-Anesthesia, Nursing
Canadian Nurses' Association
May 2014

Jenny Changizian

Clinical Practice Fellowship
Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario
September 2014

Marianne dePrinse

Bachelor of Nursing Degree
December 2014

*(*Marianne passed away recently. We felt it was important to recognize her tremendous accomplishment at this evening's celebration of nursing excellence.)*

Laura Doull, Karen Buckle, Emily Flynn, Shushma Samson

Presentation: Shifting Tides
Grounding Trauma Conference
Alliston, Ontario
May 7-8, 2014

Sara El-Haj, Peggi Garner, Lezlie Lambert-Burd, Archana Parikh

Poster Presentation: Eye of the Storm: Collaborative Practice
Canadian Association of Nephrology Nurses and Technologists (CANNT)
Niagara Falls, Ontario
October 23-25, 2014

Janice Feather

Poster Presentation: Narrative Inquiry of a Community-Based System Navigation Role in an Urban Priority Neighbourhood
McMaster University Faculty of Health Sciences Research Plenary
May 2014

Presentation: A Narrative Evaluation of a Pilot Community-Based Navigator Role in an Urban Priority Neighbourhood
Qualitative Health Research Conference
Victoria, British Columbia
November 2014

Outstanding Poster Presentation Award
McMaster University Faculty of Health Sciences Research Plenary 2014

Master of Science in Nursing Degree
McMaster University
April 2015

Vera Girard

Helen Martindale Ferguson Nursing Award
Niagara Health System
June 2014

Master of Education Degree
Brock University
Course work completed December 2014

Robertson Education Bursary
Niagara Health System
February 2015

Lezlie Lambert-Burd

Presentation: What Does it Mean to Understand and How Do You Know the Learner Got It?
Canadian Association of Nephrology Nurses and Technologists (CANNT)
Niagara Falls, Ontario
October 23-25, 2014

Nicole MacNeil

Certification Exam Nephrology Nursing
Canadian Nurses' Association
May 2014

Tammy Martin

Bachelor of Nursing Degree
Athabasca University
May 2014

Lori McGrinder

Acceptance and Commitment Therapy Workshop
Toronto, Ontario
September 2014

Dialectical Behaviour Therapy Training
Niagara Health System
April 13-17, 2015

Presentation to Day Hospital Program and Community Partners
Bridging Committee Community Forum
Niagara Health System
February 23, 2015

Holly McNeaney

Certification Exam Perinatal Nursing
Canadian Nurses' Association
May 2014

Carol Munro

Master of Health Studies
Athabasca University
April 2015 course work completed
Degree to be conferred June 2015.

Barb Pizzingrilli

Presentation: Mental Health Patients in ER – Improving Transitions in Care Between Police and
Emergency Departments
Ontario Hospital Association
Toronto, Ontario
May 29, 2014

Presentation: Improving Transitions in Care Between Police and Emergency Departments
Ontario Hospital Association
Toronto, Ontario
December 4, 2014

Voice Over Presentation: Using the Inter-RAI BMHS and ESP Screening and Assessment
Systems in Clinical Practice: The Niagara Experience
XVI World Congress of Psychiatry
Madrid, Spain
September 14-18, 2014

Poster Presentation: Improving Emergency Department Care for Individuals Apprehended
Under the Mental Health Act
Association of General Hospital Psychiatric Services
Toronto, Ontario
November 13-14, 2014

Pizzingrilli, B. (2015). A protocol to reduce police wait times in the emergency department.
Healthcare Management Forum.
Accepted for publication February 22, 2015 with publishing date of July 2015.

Pizzingrilli, B. (n.d). A comparison of two models of mental health service delivery in the
emergency department. *General Hospital Psychiatry*. Submitted for publication April 2, 2015
and currently in peer review process.

Pizzingrilli, B., & Christensen, D. (2014). Staff perceptions of pod nursing on an acute mental
health unit. *Journal of Nursing Education and Practice*, 4 (12), 88-94. DOI:
10.5430/jnep.v4n12p88

Pizzingrilli, B., & Christensen, D. (2014). Implementation and evaluation of a mental health
nursing residency program. *Journal of Nursing Education and Practice*, 5 (1), 76-84. DOI:
10.5430/jnep.v5n1p76

Tammy Powell

de Souza Associate Nurse Designation
de Souza Institute
April 2015
Re-Certification in Oncology Nursing
Canadian Nurses' Association
April 2015

Kim Rak

Poster Presentation: Parallel Dialysis For a Patient With Type 1 Hyperoxaluria
Canadian Association of Nephrology Nurses and Technologists (CANNT)
Niagara Falls, Ontario
October 23-25, 2014

Nicole Reeve

RPN to BScN Degree Program Completion
McMaster University
April 2015

Lisa Rotz

Certification Exam Perioperative Nursing
Canadian Nurses' Association
April 18, 2015

Martin Ruaux

Master of Health Management Degree
DeGroote School of Business
McMaster University
June 2014

Shushma Samson

Master of Nursing Degree
Charles Stuart University
December 2014

Denise Sneath

Re-Certification Nephrology Nursing
Canadian Nurses' Association
April 2015

Melanie Stansfield

Winner of the 2014 Astra Zeneca Award for Innovation in Disease Management with a \$5000 grant to develop strategies to optimize the management of chronic disease and improve quality of life
Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario
October 2014

Appointed Director of Knowledge Transfer
Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario
November 2014

Melanie Stansfield, Brenda Yeandle, Dr. Craig Kuhn

Research Study: "The Efficacy of a Responsive Care Model to Facilitate Screening, Case Finding, and Referral in the Client Receiving Treatment for Addictions."

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Expected date of completion November 2015

Tina Sutton

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree

Brock University

May 2014

Darah Teasdale, Lezlie Lambert-Burd

Poster Presentation: Can a Machine be Patient Centered?

Canadian Association of Nephrology Nurses and Technologists (CANNT)

Niagara Falls, Ontario

October 23-25, 2014

Patty Welychka

Presentation: Optimizing Operating Room Utilization in a Multisite Environment

Health Achieve

Ontario Hospital Association

Toronto, Ontario

November 3-5, 2014

Ellen Went

Designation as an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC)

November 2014