

Gateway Northwest Maternal and Child Health Network
Department of Professional Education
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Dear Nursing Professionals:

The nurse educators at New Jersey's Maternal and Child Health Consortia are working together to offer a statewide conference showcasing perinatal and neonatal nursing research, evidence-based innovative programs, and exemplary care of complex perinatal and neonatal patients via case studies. The conference titled, ***Finding Our Way toward Evidence-Based Practice in Perinatal/Neonatal Nursing: Research, Innovative Programs, Performance Improvement and Case Studies*** will be held on **June 7, 2012** at Monmouth University in Long Branch, NJ. The goal of this conference is to share innovative practices, programs and research from local hospitals and universities with perinatal and neonatal nursing colleagues.

Please consider submitting one or more proposals for oral and/or poster presentations for this conference. The applications and abstracts will be submitted electronically and chosen by selection committees composed of New Jersey based nurse researchers and clinical experts. The selection committees will be blinded to the authors' names and affiliations. Guidelines for abstracts for submission are listed below.

Research Presentations (Papers or Posters)

Posters or 20 minute oral presentations on **completed** research or evidence-based practice projects conducted by the submitters. Research papers and posters are **original**. Research abstracts start with a problem and include the following elements:

- A relevant problem statement and hypothesis
- Conceptual framework if applicable
- Literature review
- Methodology
- Data analysis
- Interpretation
- Nursing Implications

Evidence-based Practice Projects (Papers or Posters)

- Relevant problem statement
- Summary of review of the literature
- Plan for translation/description of the project
- Outcomes
- Nursing Implications

All proposals must have completed the data analysis stage before submission of the abstract. For evidence-based Practice Projects outcomes must have been measured.

Innovative Program Presentations (Papers or Posters)

Posters or 20 minute oral presentations are on innovative programs implemented in a variety of practice settings. These are **newly created and implemented programs** which address challenges in obstetric and neonatal nursing practice, education or administration.

Submissions must include discussion of program outcomes.

- An overview of the problem
- Discussion of interdisciplinary or nursing intervention
- Patient or practice outcomes
- Implications for future practice

Case Study Presentations (Paper or Posters)

Posters or 20 minute oral presentations of in-depth study and analysis of actual complex patient care cases or practice situations which pose unique nursing challenges.

Cases must include:

- An overview of the problem
- Discussion of interdisciplinary intervention
- Patient or practice outcomes
- Lessons learned and implications for future practice
- Case write-ups must not contain identifying information or in any way violate HIPAA regulations. The case under discussion cannot be under current litigation.

Presenters must confirm in the written submission that they have complied with these guidelines.

Submission Guidelines:

For all submissions, please include a cover page with name, email, employer, title of the abstract and state your preference for oral or poster presentation. Title of the abstract, should appear in the header or footer of the abstract with no name or identifiers, so it can be reviewed blindly.

Abstracts may not exceed 500 words in length and are due no later than January 23, 2012. Cover page and abstracts should be submitted to Marie Hogarty (Gateway Northwest Maternal Child Health Network) at mhogarty@gatewaymch.org.

The MCH Consortia nurse educators seek to ensure that all educational programming is free of commercial bias. The presentation of the research project, evidence based practice or case study should not endorse or promote any product or service.

How the abstracts will be selected for presentation

Research abstracts will be reviewed by members of the Research Advisory Panel.

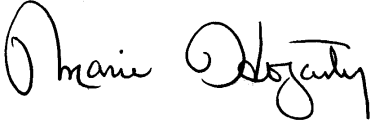
Innovative Programs and Case Studies will be reviewed by members of the Programs and Case Studies Advisory Panel. Both these panels will be coordinated by a member of the Conference Planning Committee, one of the consortia's nurse educators. Innovative Programs, Case Studies, and Research abstracts will be reviewed blindly.

All abstracts will be scored using standardized criteria outlined in the descriptions of each category. (See attached sample of the scoring sheet.)

Reviewers will be asked to recuse themselves from any presentation/project that they participated in or any that were done at the institution where they are employed.

If you have questions, please contact Ellen Shuzman (Central Jersey Family Health Consortium) at eshuzman@cjfhc.org or (732) 937-5437, ext. 114 or Julie Fitzgerald (Hudson Perinatal Consortium) at jfitzgerald@hudsonperinatal.org or (201) 876-8900, ext. 231. The Conference Planning Committee looks forward to hearing from you and your colleagues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marie Hogarty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a stylized "H".

Marie Hogarty, RNC-OB, MSN
Director, Professional Education

For

Julie Fitzgerald PhD, RN
Abstract Committee Co-Chairs

Ellen Shuzman, PhD, RNC, NEA-BC, APN

*The Statewide MCH Consortia include:

- Central Jersey Family Health Consortium
- Gateway Northwest Maternal Child Health Network
- Hudson Perinatal Consortium
- Northern New Jersey Maternal Child Health Consortium
- Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative

Attachment: Scoring Sheet to Evaluate Abstract

**Finding Our Way toward Evidence-Based Practice in Perinatal/Neonatal Nursing:
Research, Innovative Programs, Performance Improvement and Case Studies**

Evaluation of Abstracts

Scoring / Criteria	0 = Omitted	1 = Minimal, Incomplete or Unclear	2 = Criteria Met	3 = Exceptional
Significance of Project / Research / Innovative Program				
Method of Research Project or Design of Innovative Program or Application of Evidence Based Practice				
Results or Outcomes				
Nursing Implications				
Creativity or Originality of Research / Evidence Based Practice or Innovative Program				
Clarity of Abstract				
Totals				