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The palliative care program is pleased to introduce **Dr. Diana J. Wilkie**. As an internationally known pain specialist with a special emphasis on palliative and end-of-life care in cancer and other life-threatening illnesses and a previous hospice nurse, she teaches our NUSC 522 Palliative Management of Pain and Common Symptoms. She lectures extensively on pain assessment and management topics such as new information available for safe, effective use of analgesics and end-of-life care. She is a member of the graduate faculty and a tenured professor. She has contributed to 89 publications on pain and end-of-life topics. Her research has been funded continuously since 1985 for a total of \$18,429,729. Examples of her currently funded studies include: **1)** Wilkie, D.J., Molokie, R., Judge, M.K.M., & Zong, S. **Computerized PAINRelievelt Protocol for Cancer Pain.** (2 RO1 CA081918-06) National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, \$2,404,767, 2003-2008; **2)** Wilkie, D.J., Forrest, J., Storfjell, J, Zong, S., & Marschke, M. **Effects & Costs of Massage in Hospice Cancer Patients.** National Institutes of Health (1RO1 NR009092), \$1,901,071, 2005-2009; **3)** Wilkie, D.J., Molokie, R., Sauthararajah, Y., & Zong, S. **Computerized PAINRelievelt for Adult Sickle Cell Disease.** National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (1RO1 HL078536), \$2,907,682, 2006-2010.; **4)** Mihaly, M., Wilkie, D.J., Anderson, J. **Treatment of Psychological Distress near the end of life.** (1R44MH070226-01A1) National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Mental Health, \$750,000 awarded to eNURSING llc, 2006-2008; **5)** Smith, E., Wilkie, D.J., Menon, U., & Dancy, B. **Developing & Testing a Community-Based Mammography Intervention for AAW,** (R21 CA119962-01), \$325,636, 2006-2008; **6)** Wilkie, D.J., Judge, M.K.M., Brown, M.A., Shannon, S., Farber, S., & Corless, I. **Tool-Kit for Nurturing Excellence at End of Life Transition (TNEEL).** Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; \$1,584,242, 1999-2007.

[Toolkit for Nurturing Excellence at the End-of-Life Transition](#) TNEEL is an innovative, easy-to-access, teacher/learner-friendly package of electronic tools for palliative care education. TNEEL content is presented in six modules (comfort, connections, ethics, grief, well being, impact) and addresses the AACN's "Competencies Necessary for Nurses to Provide High-Quality Care to Patients and Families During the Transition at the End of Life." Core concepts are threaded throughout the TNEEL content including **individual and cultural diversity, life span, family centered care, collaboration, interdisciplinary care, setting of care, system of care, values and attitudes.**

TNEEL is available in two formats:

TNEEL-NE (Nurse Educator) was distributed free of charge via CD ROM (available at <http://www.tneel.uic.edu>) to nurse educators in all 1,236 BSN and AD academic programs of nursing and in 8,000 clinical settings, giving them ready access to end of life teaching/learning resources. For cost of shipping and handling, TNEEL-NE will be made available to all other health care organizations. Contact us at tneel@uic.edu for prices. Investigators will offer hands-on training sessions to assist users to learn TNEEL features and options and to maximize the teaching capabilities related to end-of-life care. TNEEL-NE Contact person is Marilyn Ward <http://www.tneel.uic.edu/CDOrderForm.asp>



TNEEL-SS (Self Study) provides practicing nurses (RNs, LPNs) with an Internet-based self-study course (<http://www.tneel.uic.edu/tneel-ss>) on end of life issues. Learners access the TNEEL content for 2 hrs or 8 hrs of CE credit for each of the 6 modules (comfort, connections, ethics, grief, well being, impact). Learners also select their preferred leaning approach-topic or case based learning, or as a thinker, doer, observer, or feeler learning style. TNEEL-SS is offered and managed by CE Providers via the Internet management tools built into the innovative web site. In collaboration with the TNEEL Team, nursing organizations and continuing nursing education providers offer TNEEL-SS as current, evidence-based self-study course for the national and international nursing community. **For more information regarding TNEEL, please call 312-996-6925.**

Program Accomplishments 2007

Student Corner Recognition



Palliative Care Students at UIC College of Nursing

Congratulations **Jane Pelosi-Kelly, RN, APN**, Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner at Alexian Brothers Hospital. She is also a student at UIC, College of Nursing Palliative Care program. Her article was published (October 2006) in the American Journal of Nursing, Vol. 106, No. 10 and titled "Nursing Research: Building Interest and Keeping It Alive: Helping hospital nurses implement evidence-based practice."



Yi-fang (Yvonne) Hsiung, RN, MS, PhD(c), a student at the UIC College of Nursing PhD program. Yvonne also has been working as the research assistant with the palliative care nursing training grant. Her article was recently published (May/June 2007) in the Journal of Hospice & Palliative Nursing, Vol. 9, No. 3 and titled "Recognizing Chinese Americans: Cultural Needs in making End-of-Life Treatment Decisions."



Congratulations **Kathie Kobler, RN**, UIC, Pediatric Clinical Specialist and Palliative Care Nursing student for receiving several awards this past year. She was granted the ELNEC-PPC Award; Silver Oak/CNS Foundation Scholarship & the First Recipient of the National Clinical Nurse Specialist Award. We also would like to thank her for coordinating the National Perinatal Bereavement Conference in 2006. She was offered to do her practicum with the internationally recognized Pediatric Advanced Care Team at Dana Farber/Boston Children's Hospital this year. Kathie's article is in press; Kobler, K, Limbo, R., & Kavanaugh, K. (in press). **Meaningful moments: The use of ritual in perinatal and pediatric death.** *MCN: The American Journal of Maternal-Child Nursing*. She is also working with a publisher to expand it into a book. She is a full time mother and works part-time at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital.



"Kathie is a gifted advocate for children and families in pediatric palliative care and because of her leadership she is already receiving national recognition for her work. We are so very fortunate to have Kathie in the field of pediatric palliative care and in particular to work with her while she is a student at UIC. **By Dr. Karen Kavanaugh** Faculty & Professor at UIC, College of Nursing & Co-Director with the palliative care nursing program."



Congratulations Class of 2007 graduates from UIC, College of Nursing Adult/Geriatric & Palliative Care Nursing Programs. **Bansari Patel, RN, APN** accepted a position at the University of Chicago with the Palliative Care Unit. **Tammy Poma, RN, APN**, is also working at the University of Chicago in the Dialysis Unit.



32nd Annual March of Dimes Perinatal Conference & 1st Annual VA/Palliative Care Conference

The 1st Annual Palliative care Conference "Multidisciplinary Management and Communication at the End-of-Life" took place on June 1, 2007 and was a huge success! This conference was sponsored by the Teach Grant from the VA and the UIC, Palliative care Nursing Training Grant. We would like to thank Jenny Tiffin, RN, APN, PhD student and faculty member at UIC, College of Nursing and Lynn O'Donnell, RN, APN at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center for all the hard work with



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coordinating this event. There were 125 people in attendance the day of the conference. The keynote address was on "Palliative Care & Hospice in Advanced Heart Failure" and was presented by Dr.



Dr. Stuart Farber's

presentation was "Sharing Poor Prognosis: Moving From Curative to Palliative Care."

Dr. Steven R. Leuther presented at the March of Dimes Perinatal Conference this past March 2007. Dr. Leuther's presentation discussed vital information on the topic of palliative care within the neonatal units.



He spoke about his unit at the University of Wisconsin Medical Center. His research is ongoing in palliative care and he gave an excellent talk.

We would like to congratulate Mary Kay Burke, RNC, BS & Pediatric/ Palliative Care Student at UIC, College of Nursing. She received an Outstanding Nurse Recognition Award at the March of Dimes Perinatal Conference this past March 2007.

