



The Greater North Carolina Chapter of the
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 12, 2012

Happy Spring, everyone!

Many of you attended our recent (March 2) educational program hosted by Durham Regional Hospital and Cindy Boyd, RN, BSN, CRRN. We had more than 50 who joined us for a fun and informative time in which we covered topics related to Patient Safety; Medicare RAC Audits; Bedside reporting in Rehab; Certification for Rehab Nurses; and Patient-Family Centered Care. Thanks to each of our presenters for a very educational day. The networking and food were great, too!

The Education Committee will be offering another program in July (date and location still to be determined). Additionally, we will sponsor another **CRRN Review Two Day Course on September 20 & 21**; it will be held at WakeMed and we will be sending out more information over the summer. We are having the same instructor who has given the course for our Chapter twice before—once in Greenville and once in Winston-Salem; the pass rate for her courses is very high!

Additionally, the bi-annual **Southeast Regional ARN Conference** will be held in Greenville, South Carolina on **April 25-27**. I am attaching an electronic copy of the brochure to this email for those of you who may not have already seen it. The Conference is entitled “2012...A new beginning in rehab”. The price is very reasonable considering the value you will receive and compared to other regional/national conferences. Hope to see many of you there!

We will soon (before July) be voting on new officers/ board members for the coming year; now is the time to start thinking about nominations. Stay tuned for the call for new officers. We have been so fortunate to have so many dedicated and active members on our committees; we encourage many of you to volunteer to be part of the Education and Board Committees; you'll find the experience rewarding, and make some great new friends in the process. Kathie Fisher, RN, CRRN will become the new President in July. Several new volunteers joined the Education Committee at the March seminar.

Our winter has been relatively mild; however, I imagine that many of you are like me, excited that spring is finally almost fully here! The flowers and trees are so beautiful! I hope you are enjoying the extra hours of daylight and being out in the fresh, crisp air. I hope, too, that you will take advantage of the opportunities for education, networking, and development opportunities offered by GNCCARN.

Congratulations, too, to all our Certified Nurses; take time to congratulate them on March 19, National Certification Day!

Sincerely, Ann Bene', RN,BSN,MBA, NE-BC

From March Member update from ARN

Check Out the New Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse logo



The new logo reflects a fresher and more updated image. Look for the new logo to appear on marketing materials and, most importantly, on our CRRN certificates! As CRRNs renew, their new certificate will include the new logo. New CRRN pins will be available in the online ARN Bookstore soon. We are very excited about this new look and hope you are too.

If you plan to take the CRRN exam in June, the application deadline is **April 15, 2012**. Visit the [ARN website](#) for more details.

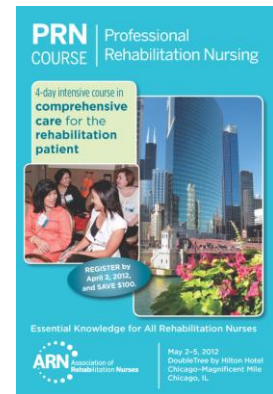
Celebrate Certified Nurses on March 19

Professional Rehabilitation Nursing Course May 2-5, 2012 Chicago, IL

[Register](#) by April 1st and save \$100 on registration rates.

Join us in exciting downtown Chicago for the Professional Rehabilitation Nursing Course (PRN Course), a 4-day intensive course that covers rehabilitation nursing concepts and clinical skills that are essential to all rehabilitation nurses. If you are new to the field of rehabilitation nursing, float to rehabilitation units, or plan on taking the CRRN® exam, this live course will provide you with extensive information on rehabilitation nursing concepts and current practices from experts in the field. Throughout this course, there will be multiple opportunities to network and ask questions. Attendees are able to meet with the expert faculty in a relaxed environment.

ARN has secured a limited number of sleeping rooms at a special rate at the DoubleTree by Hilton Magnificent Mile, and a special tour to the new Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago is included in the registration fee. For a more detailed description of sessions and accommodations, click [here](#).



We plan our GNCCARN course again in September at WakeMed, Raleigh. Good passage rate from past 2 held. It has become our fall event!

Share your Knowledge and Expertise at the ARN Annual Conference Consider Submitting a Conference Abstract

ARN is seeking papers, posters, and case studies for the 2012 ARN Annual Educational Conference, "Rehabilitation Nursing and the Compassion of Caring: Notes to Success", October 3-6, 2012 in Nashville, TN.

Your participation is vital to the success of the conference, so



please consider sharing your expertise with fellow ARN colleagues by presenting at this year's conference.

Submissions will be accepted until **April 1, 2012**.

Key note for ARN Conference is Mark Kelly

[Submit an abstract](#)

Nominate a Colleague for a Role Award

Do you know an outstanding rehabilitation nurse who deserves recognition for his or her contributions to the field of rehabilitation nursing? Consider nominating one of them for an ARN role award. Supervisors, colleagues, or family members can submit nominations - and ARN members can nominate themselves!



Winners will receive special recognition at the ARN Annual Conference in Nashville and one free year of ARN membership. The [application](#) deadline is **June 1, 2012**.

Happenings at the Moses Cone Health System Rehabilitation Center:

For 2010 and 2011, the Moses Cone Health System Rehabilitation Center has been ranked in the top 10 percent of nearly 800 inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRF's) that qualified to be ranked in the IRF database of Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation (UDSMR).

In addition to this award, the Moses Cone Health System Rehabilitation Center has also ranked in the top 11% of Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities for Patient Satisfaction for the first quarter of FY 2012 based on Press Ganey Patient Survey performance.

Nine staff members from the Moses Cone Health System Rehabilitation Center, including two nurses: MaryAnn Barbour, RN CRRN and Angie Joyce, RN; attended a course and successfully passed the exam to become Certified Brain Injury Specialists in January 2012.

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Nurses Health Study is looking for young nurses. I have been involved with their research almost 30 years. Google and sign up. Largest research in our country dedicated to mostly women. Many other research articles quote their findings.

Vidant Medical Center, located in Greenville, NC is seeking experienced Registered Nurses in Rehabilitation Services for Stroke/General, SCI, TBI and Pediatrics units. Please visit <http://www.vidantjobs.com> to apply online. EOE

Congratulations to Marie Welch on her recent retirement.

Wake Forest Baptist Health-Judy Motsinger

We have a CARF surveyor among us. Jennifer Woodberry, Nurse Manager Rehabilitation, Acquired Brain Injury, Orthopaedics, and Joint Replacement completed CARF surveyor training in February.

In January the following 7 Rehab team members became Certified Brain Injury Specialists: Two Registered Nurses, Giselle Lacuata and Lea Bentley Reed; Clinical Psychologist, Beth Sparks; Speech Therapist, Sarah Newton; Occupational Therapists, Sheila Kirkman and Angela Moore and Recreational Therapist, Carolyn Austin as well as 7 acute hospital staff working in Physical and Speech Therapy departments.

We are gearing up for Epic or "WakeOne" as we call it, this fall. I look forward to having one password for all the systems I need to do my job. Everyone is working hard on the new integrated electronic healthcare record that will flow data across our health care system. Amazing to use only one system!! It goes live in September. Not only are we working with the medical record software, but also EBP and patient education software to develop the entire healthcare record. Beth Hubbartt and Denise Corey are working on developing order sets, care plans, admission assessment and FIM assessment. If not writing documents, they are reviewing order sets/care plans that others have developed. We envision a fantastic Rehab healthcare record!! The FIM assessment is already complete. Yeah!

Joint Commission came and we are told surveyors noted that our physicians, nurses and other services interacted as a well-aligned team and that this kind of engagement among caregivers was something they had rarely seen. Now CARF is expected this fall so I may not see you any time soon.

Almost a year ago rehab revisited the past with actual "Charge nurses" who round with Rehab attendings, help the admission nurses manage beds and flow of "early in the day" discharges to accommodate new patient admissions, help with admissions, discharges or cover patient assignments as

needed. Jessica Roberts and Theresa Palmer are experienced Neurology and Neurosurgery nurses who now call rehab home. Theresa states her role is *“To manage the flow of rehab patients in and out of the unit and to be liaison between the patients, their families and our care team.”*

Beth Hubbartt is one of our “Healing Touch Nurses”. Members of the consult service, mentored by Deborah Larrimore, BSN, RN, CHTP/I, LMT meet quarterly to review processes and techniques. At the January meeting, they participated in a recognition ceremony including Washing of the Hands and received heart/hand lapel pins as a thank you for volunteering for this service.



Beth Hubbartt shares *“I have been through Healing touch Level 4 training. For me to move to the next level, I am required to experience different alternative therapies. So far I have used Chiropractic wellness care, Acupuncture therapy (I love this), Reflexology, & Aromatherapy.”* Wake Forest Baptist Health implemented a Healing Touch (HT) Consult Service July 2011. This therapy is available to in-patients. The HT Consult Service is operated through the Nursing Department, and is under the supervision of Certified Healing Touch Practitioners (CHTP/I) In the first month of service, the HT Consult Service provided over 40 patient visits, with 2-6 new consults a day.

This service is available at no cost, operates 24/7 (Monday-Friday), and is offered through specially trained nurses and others who have studied the curriculum and art of Healing Touch.

Unique in its design, and perhaps the first in the nation, the HT Consult Team is comprised of both WFBH employees as well as WFBH volunteers. All members of the team have been highly trained in HT, with a minimum of 60 hours of education, with most having 85+ hours training. Four - five WFBH staff are Certified HT Practitioners”.

Wake Forest Baptist will be listed as the Title Sponsor of the 2012 Walk & Roll-athon being held at Tanglewood Park on April 21, 2012. We have several who walk each year.

BIANC also holds Walk and Roll-athons in Concord, March 24, Raleigh, March 31 and Asheville April 14 this year.

Calendar

July GNCCARN to be announced

April 25-27 Region 3
Greenville, SC Hyatt Regency

Sept 20 and 21, 2012 Wake Med to host
GNCCARN CRRN Review course
Raleigh, NC

ARN Oct 3-6, 2012
Nashville Tenn

2 Days at the Beach
April, 2013
More details to be announced



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