CON Research in the News!

We’re excited to share some CON research that was recently highlighted in the news!

On August 9, 2016, the team of CON and UIHC researchers directed by Ann Marie McCarthy was featured in an article in Iowa Now. Initially funded by the National Institute for Nursing Research (Predicting Children’s Responses to Distraction from Pain, R01 NR05269), this project focuses on children undergoing painful medical procedures and investigated how training parents to provide distraction can help their children to manage their pain. The team went on to develop a computer application called “Distraction in Action” that helps parents to predict how distressed their children will be and generates a tailored plan to coach parents in distracting their child. The team includes Charmaine Kleiber and Kirsten Hanrahan. Great job, everyone!

Read the full story on Iowa Now here: https://now.uiowa.edu/2016/08/distraction-action

A recent August 11, 2016 CON news piece featured work being conducted by Amany Farag using her new grant from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. Titled “Keeping Patients Safe: Examining Predictors of Nurses’ Fatigue and the Moderating Effect of Inter-Shift Recovery on Patient Safety Outcomes,” this work will examine the interaction between nurses’ fatigue and ability to recover between shifts. Amany’s UI collaborators include Patricia Groves and Sharon Tucker.


Congratulations to Sue Gardner’s research team whose work was highlighted in a national press release by the American Society for Microbiology on September 6, 2016. With collaborator Dr. Elizabeth Grice at the University of Pennsylvania, Sue and her research team have conducted research on factors associated with poor outcomes in individuals with diabetic foot ulcers. Sue is an Investigator on the NIH-grant that funded this work and on which Grice is the PI (Decoding the Microbial Bioburden of Diabetic Foot Ulcers: A Metagenomic Approach, R01NR015639). Sue is also PI on a second NIH grant focusing on wound healing (Severe Pain During Wound Care Procedures: Model and Mechanisms (R01NR015642). Way to go, Sue!

Read the press release here: https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/09/160906103144.htm
Engaging Clinicians in Patient-Centered Research

The following blog entry was posted by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) on August 23, 2016. Click here or click on the story below to read more.

Research Forum & Lunch – September 13, 2016

Our first Research Forum and Lunch schedule for the year will take place on **Tuesday, September 13, 11-1 PM in 133 CNB.** For the Research Forum, **Caglar Koylu** (Assistant Professor, Department of Geographical and Sustainability Sciences) will present on “Uncovering spatio-temporal patterns from large patient mobility data.” For the Research Lunch at noon, **Ruth Grossmann** (CON Assistant Professor) will present her work on “Metabolomic biomarkers of nutritional interventions.” Lunch will be provided and CEU’s are available (.12 CEUs for each presentation, for a total of .24 per month). Everyone is invited to attend!

Planning Ahead for Manuscript Assistance

As you know, **Bill Donahue** (F&O) has stepped up to provide support with manuscripts to faculty. A heads up that Bill will be out of the office from **October 7 – October 25, 2016.** For those working on a manuscript and who plan to seek assistance from Bill, we hope this advance notice will assist you with your planning.
CON Publication Spotlight – September 2016

Our monthly Publication Spotlight focuses on recent publications (dated 2015 or 2016) by 5-6 CON faculty each month. Faculty are showcased at random and searches of Scopus, PubMed and CINAHL are used to locate recent publications. Faculty are not required to send us anything, but if you have a new publication that is not yet indexed, please feel free to forward the reference to Linda Hand. At the end of each update will be a list of faculty whose work will be shared in the next month’s spotlight.

In the spotlight for September 2016: Janet Williams, Toni Tripp-Reimer, and Kristine Williams. Hard copies are now being posted on the 4th floor on our new “Like it? Take it!” bulletin boards. We hope this will be a fun way for everyone to read about and catch up on each other’s current projects.

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**COMING NEXT MONTH:** Faculty to be featured in the October 2016 ONRS Update: Janette Taylor, Lioness Ayres, Sue Gardner, Kitty Buckwalter, Patricia Groves, Anita Stineman, Tess Judge-Ellis