Who Are We?

The Young Pediatric Nurse Clinician Program (YPNCP) is a mentored program for undergraduate nursing students with an interest in pediatrics. YPNCP students participate and host activities in healthcare facilities and the community under the direction of a faculty mentor and expert pediatric nurse clinician to better the lives of children.

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Halloween Fair, Recreation Center

In October, we participated in our second Halloween health fair with Mom’s Blog at the Iowa City Recreation Center. We volunteered at their event, facilitating Halloween-themed fair games for the costumed children at various booths. This was a fun and safe way for younger children to celebrate Halloween with their family and friends, and participate in trick-or-treating and other festive games. We are already looking forward to participating next year!

Dare to Care Fair, Iowa Children’s Museum

At the end of April, we joined the University of Iowa Association of Nursing students in conducting the Dare to Care Fair at the Iowa Children’s Museum. We helped facilitate multiple booths, which presented topics of sun safety, hand hygiene, first aid, healthy habits and teaching about Vital Signs that children would experience at the doctor’s office or hospital visit. We helped provide a basic overview to the children and their families about living a healthier lifestyle, and exposure to the nursing profession. We love working alongside our UI Association of Nursing students with local families!
Bringing Hand Hygiene to Nolte Preschool and Prairie Ridge Elementary

This March, Nolte Preschool welcomed YPNCP to present hand hygiene and germ awareness to the various preschool classes. We introduced information on germs, where they are found and how they can affect us on a daily basis. We presented life-sized stuffed animals of germs and explained the different types to the class. We taught the preschoolers a song, teaching them the proper way to wash their hands. To complete our lesson, we facilitated the Glitterbug germ activity, which incorporates a black light where the children could visibly see how hand washing removed the “glowing glitter germs” on their hands!

We sent home a handout with reminders of what we learned in our lesson along with coloring and activity worksheets for the children to complete at home.

In addition, we had the opportunity to visited Prairie Ridge 3rd grade classrooms introducing many of the same topics. Additional activities included a jeopardy game, “infection germ” tag game and a germ spread simulation!

Glitterbug

How clean are your hands?

Step 1: Rub glitter lotion into your hands
Step 2: Put hands under the black light of the Glitterbug…Do you see all the “germs”?
Step 3: Go wash hands in the sink using soap and water, including tops, bottoms, between fingers and under fingernails!
Step 4: Place hands back under the black light of the Glitterbug…Were you successful in washing off all of the “germs” ?!
Children & Women’s Services Conference

YPNCP members attended the Children & Women’s Services Conference hosted by UIHC. This conference presented topics of Obstetrical, Neonatal and Pediatric treatment updates by leaders of medicine, nursing and healthcare in

Pediatric Palliative Care Conference

Members of YPNCP were invited to attend the Pediatric Palliative Care Conference hosted by UIHC. This was an experience for growth in interprofessional care, and addressed topics of cultural and spiritual aspects of providing palliative care to pediatric patients.

Clothing Drive for Child Psychiatric Patients

YPNCP hosted a clothing drive to raise awareness and collect clothing items for the children being treated at the University of Iowa Child Psychiatric hospital. We distributed collection bins around the College of Nursing, and together supported these children throughout their hospitalization!

Ronald McDonald House

In October, YPNCP served dinner at the Ronald McDonald House of Iowa City this fall for the families of patients treated at the Children’s Hospital of UIHC. We prepared walking tacos for the families residing here, and even baked fresh chocolate chip cookies!
Support the YPNCP

The students of the Young Pediatric Nurse Clinician Program are able to host and participate in all of these wonderful opportunities by utilizing funds from fundraising activities and community donations. If you would like to donate to the YPNCP, please send a check (made out to YPNCP) to:

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