

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

International/National Presentations

Heather Ambrose, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CENP, CPN, and Emily Snider, MSN, RN, CBC, presented, “*How to Drive Positive Change through Staff Accountability*” at the 2021 Press Ganey National Client virtual conference.

Mary Summerville Bowell, BSN, RN, presented “*Reducing Emergency Department Visits and Hospital Admissions from Feeding Tube Malfunctions*” at the American Case Management Association (ACMA) 2021 National Conference in Orlando, Florida. (poster)

Samuel Clinger, MSN, RN, PCCN-K, CNE, Samantha Smeltzer, DNP, RN, CHSE, and Catherine-Annette M. Cox, BA, NIC, presented, “*Creation of a Simulation to Determine Change in Knowledge and Attitudes of Nursing Students’ Care of Deaf Patients*” at the 46th Biennial Sigma Conference in Indianapolis, In. (poster)

Rusty Das, MSN, RN, Joanna Motta, MSN, RN, Barbara Lawrence, MEd, RN; Amanda Reinhardt, RN, and Earleen Birkner, BSN, RN, presented, “*Does a Stress Ball Reduce Syncope Related Events Post Operatively?*” at the 2021 National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses Annual Congress. Presentation won third place in the Clinical Practice track. (poster)

Paula Eicker, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, presented, “*Patient Satisfaction and the Road to Excellence*” at Press Ganey’s National Client virtual conference. (podium)

Nicole Friedl, DNP, AG-ACNP, RN-BC, Jason Fisher DNP, Dr. Carlos Racedo, and Dr. Fred Mirarchi presented, “*I C U and There’s No Time to Wait: Development of an Emergency Department ‘Critical Patient Alert’ to Reduce Time to Intensive Care Unit Transfer*” at the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium in Keystone, Colorado. (poster)

Nicole Friedl, DNP, AG-ACNP, RN-BC and Dr. Ronaldo Sevilla-Barrios presented, “*When Necrotizing Fasciitis Is ‘Heartier’ than Deep Tissue*” at the National Nurse Practitioner Symposium in Keystone, Colorado. (poster)

Kim Fowler, MSN, RN, CNS-BC, CHFV and Jesus Vargas, MD, PhD, presented, “*Hospitalist Program: Innovation Drives Best Practice and Exceptional Outcomes*” at the American Association of Heart Failure Nurses 17th Annual Meeting. (podium)

Betsy George, RN, PhD, CCRN-K, presented, “*Malignant Hyperthermia: Collaboration for the Infrequent Event*” at the American Association of Critical Care Nurses - National Teaching Institute. (podium)

Siew Lee Grand-Clément, MSN, CLSSBB, CPHQ, CPPS, EDAC, and Jordan S. Stone, P.E., presented, “*Unlocking Cultural and Regulatory Differences to Advocate for Safe Hospital Design*” at the ICN 2021 Virtual Congress, Nursing Around the World. (podium)

Linda Lakdawala, DNP, RN, CPAN, and Ursula Mellinger, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA, presented, “*Aromatherapy to the Rescue for Postoperative Nausea and Vomiting*” at the American Society Perianesthesia Nurses (ASPAN) Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. (poster)

Linda Lakdawala, DNP, RN, CPAN, presented, “*ABPANC Certification/Recertification Insights*” at the American Society of Perianesthesia Nurses National Conference in Orlando, Florida. (podium)

Michelle Kaminsky, MSN, MBA, RN, CCM, NA, presented, “*Can Members with a High (3-5) Care Needs Index (CNI) Score be impacted by a High-Risk Case Review Meeting to Help Reduce Their Score?*” National CMSA Virtual Conference 2021. (poster)

Leslie Konyk, BSN, RN, CCRN, Matthew Foglia, MD, PHD, Jonathan Pelletier, MD, Annette Fleck, BSN, RN, CCRN, Colleen McSteen, BSN, RN, CCRN, Dawn Fisher, RN, CCRN, and Dana Furhman, DO, MS presented, “*Tandem Plasmaphoresis Reduces CRRT Down Time*” at the 50th Annual Critical Care Congress. (podium)

Karina Kraevesky-Phillips presented, “*Seen but Not Heard: An Analysis of Nurse Involvement in Interprofessional Family Meetings in Intensive Care Units*” at the American Thoracic Society Virtual Conference. (podium)

Darlene Lovasik, RN, MN, CCRN-K, CCTN, presented, “*Acute Liver Failure: Managing the Liver, the Gut, and the Brain*” 2021 NTI (National Teaching Institute), AACN (American Association of Critical-Care Nurses). (podium)

Jennifer Maley, MSN, RN, TCRN, Paula Hobbs, BSN, RN, MSRN, and Meghan Waldron, BSN, RN presented, “*Trauma Nurses rounding on Trauma Patients admitted to a medical surgical unit, improves outcomes and decreases length of stay. A quality improvement project*” at the Society of Trauma Nursing virtual conference. (podium)

Eugenia Mangel, MSN, RN, CWOCN, presented, “*Negative Pressure Dressings: Are You Really Doing it Right?*” at the 8th Annual Comprehensive Wound Care Symposium: Evidence-Based Therapies and Techniques. (podium)

Markie Maraugh Stocke, RN, CCRN, presented, *"Making the Case for Real-Time Validation: Reducing CLABSIs in the ICU"* at 2021 Virtual Vizient Clinical Workforce & Nurse Residency Program Conference. (poster)

Carol Mathews, BSN, RN, CWOCN, presented, *"Ostomies with Focus on Peristomal Skin Complications"* at the 8th Annual Comprehensive Wound Care Symposium: Evidence-Based Therapies and Techniques. (podium)

Sue McCann, MSN, RN, DNC; Marianne Tawa, RN, MSN, ANP; Susan Thornton, BBA, CEO, presented, *"Quality of Life in Cutaneous Lymphoma Patients and Families: Emerging results and Conclusions"* at the Dermatology Nurses' Association Annual Convention: More than a Convention. (podium)

Jennifer Meyer, MSN, RN, CPN, and Sherri Rosenthal, MSN, RN, presented, *"Human Milk Management: Quality Improvement Project"* at the Annual ANIA Tri-State Fall Virtual Symposium. (podium)

Joanna Motta, MSN, RN, presented, *"Daily Nurse Leader Rounding to Improve Patient Satisfaction in a Total Joint Replacement Program"* at the 2021 National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses Annual Congress. Her presentation won second place in the Leadership track. (poster)

Sarah Ortenzo, MSN, RN, SCRNP, Kate Spiering, MSN, RN, CNRN, Eileen Roach, MSN, RN, Stephanie Henry, MSN, RN, Kavitha Shah, MD, and Bradley Molyneaux, PhD, MD, presented, *"Ready, Set, Go! COVID-19 Pandemic Drives Creation of Fast Track Alteplase Protocol"* at the 2021 International Stroke Conference. (poster)

Beth Quinn, MSN, RNC-MNN, and Glenn Updike, MD, presented, *"Digital Driving Patient Experience in Women's Health"* at the 2021 HIMSS Conference in Las Vegas, NV. (poster)

Erin Scholle, RN, Heather Ambrose, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CENP, CPN; and Courtney Varadi, RN, presented, *"More Than Numbers: HCAHPS Improvement Through Nursing Communication"* at the 2021 ANCC National Magnet Conference in Atlanta, Ga. (poster)

Erica Shadle, BSN, RN, CNRN, Jesse Callaro, MSN, RN, Lisa Donahue, DNP, RN, CPPS, Michaele Kennedy, MSN, RN, NEABC, and Jane Yutzy, BSN, RN, CRNI, presented, *"Quality Improvement Through the Veins of Collaboration and Education: The Implementation of a Division-Based Vascular Liaison Model"* at the Association for Vascular Access (AVA) 2021 in Kissimmee, FL. (poster)

Kate Spiering, MSN, RN, CNRN and Amy Weisgerber, BA, HDS-C, CPTC, presented, *"From Potholes to Pavement: Driving DCD Performance through Specialized Hospital Teams."* The Alliance for Organ Donation & Transplantation's Virtual Town Hall Series. (podium)

Lisa Swenson, MS, BSN, RN, ONC, Karen Bright, BSN, RN, Heather Moore, BSN, RN, and Babette Rudick, MSN, RN, CBN, CCM, presented, *"Improving Surgical Outcomes Through Outpatient Surgical Optimization"* at the 2021 American College of Surgeons (ACS) Quality and Safety Conference. (poster)

Jennifer Vonada, RN, presented, *"Patient Education - A Relationship Between Medication Knowledge, Patient Satisfaction, and Hospital Readmissions"* at the 2021 Virtual Vizient Clinical Workforce & Nurse Residency Program Conference. (poster)

Betsy Tedesco, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CEN, PHRN, presented, *"Improving the ED patient Experience Through Staff Engagement"* at the 2020 Virtual National Press Ganey Client Conference. (podium)

Amy Vestovich, BSN, RN, CCRN, and Kimberly Neslon, DNP, ACNS-BC, RN-BC, NEA-BC, CHFNP-K, presented, *"Self-Care: Put Your Own Oxygen Mask on First"* at the 2021 ANCC National Magnet Conference in Atlanta, Ga. (poster)

Durac Vincze, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, presented, *"Emergency Department Flow: The Right Care in the Right Place"* at the 2021 ANCC National Magnet Conference in Atlanta, Ga. (podium)

Regional / Local Presentations

Jeff Alvarez, MSN, RN, NE-BC and Crystal Pambacas, BSN, RN, presented, *"Discharge Remote Monitoring: Healthcare and Social Support in the Comfort of Home"* at Pennsylvania's Healthcare Mosaic Virtual Conference: Advocacy & Equity in Action. (podium)

Jodie Blaha, MSN, MSCRN, Amanda MacDonald, BSN, RN, and Devan Graff, RN, presented, *"A Call for Action-Leading the Transformation of a Medical Surgical Unit in Response to COVID-19"* at the Pennsylvania Organization Nurse Leaders (PONL) virtual conference. (podium)

Lisa Bryan-Morris, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, presented, *"Generation Differences in the Healthcare Workforce"* at Leadership Westmoreland in Greensburg, PA. (podium)

Ryan Fancher, BSN, RN, LSSBB, presented, *"Understanding the 'People' Side of Change"* at the Western PA Chapter of ANIA virtual Process Management Education Series. (podium)

Ryan Fancher, BSN, RN, LSSBB, presented, “*Lean for Leaders*” at the Western PA Chapter of ANIA virtual Process Management Education Series. (podium)

Betsy George, PhD, MSN, RN, CCRN-K, presented, “*EBP, QI and Research-Getting on the Same Page*” at the 40th Annual Perianesthesia Nurse Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa. (podium)

Christina Jockel, MSN, RN, CCRN, Lauren Alessi, MD, Jonathan Pelletier, MD, Lindsay Farione, BSN, RN, CCRN, Todd Spencer, MSN, RN, CCRN, Siri wattana Vehovic, MSN, RN, AC-PNP, FNP-C, Brad Kuch, MHA, RRT-NPS, FAARC, Alicia Au, MD, MS, Rajesh Aneja, MD, and Melinda Hamilton, MD, presented “*Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) COVID Mock Codes Improved Provider Knowledge*” at the 10th Annual Michael P. Fink Scholar Day, 3rd Annual UPMC Quality & Safety Symposium, and Rita M. Patel Leadership UPMC GME Conference. (poster)

UPMC nurse leaders were well-represented at the Annual Southwestern Pennsylvania Organization of Nurse Leaders (SWPONL) Conference in early September at Nemaquin Woodlands Resort.

Opening Keynote Presentation: “*Tough Times Don’t Last, But Tough Teams Do*”
Heather L. Ambrose
UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

Expert Panel: “*The Future of Nursing: Inspiring Nurse Leaders*”
Moderator: Heather L. Ambrose, UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

Panel Presentation: “*Leveraging Technology to Drive Innovation: Blogs, Vlogs, Podcasts, Animation Videos, Micro Learning, Virtual Platforms, and National Trends*”
Panelists: Zachary Perpetua, UPMC Passavant, Kyle Walkiewicz, UPMC East

UPMC Podium Presentations

It Takes A TEAM: Building a Centralized Telemetry Unit in Under 30 Days
Lisa Donahue, Shawn Hennen, Nicolette C Mininni, Radune Mautz
UPMC Shadyside

An Innovative and Collaborative Approach to Enhance Professional Development
Laura Fennimore, Susan Gallant, Jennifer Shoup
UPMC Health Plan

Transition of a Hospital Based Birth Doula Program Through Innovative Collaboration
Beth Quinn, Melissa Young
UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

The Ideal Story: Powering Innovation Through Collaboration and Creativity Jessica Carlson UPMC
Innovation Center Impact of COVID-19 on Continuous Renal Replacement Training for Intensive Care Nurses: a Collaborative Multi-Hospital Approach
Latasha Kast, Anne-Marie Hinish, Courtney Nyoh
UPMC Mercy
UPMC Presbyterian

UPMC Poster Presenters

NURSING LEADERSHIP CATEGORY

First Place:

Let’s Talk About It: Decreasing Fall Occurrence by Improving Communication of Fall Risk Status
Alexandra Crowley, Miranda Crum, Benjamin Morrow, Sarah Ortenzo, Kristy Stewart
UPMC Presbyterian (poster)

Third Place:

Making an Impact: The Ongoing Benefits of a New Graduate Nurse Rotation Program
Marissa Darnay, Nicolette Corrado, Catherine Green, Jennifer Parrotte
UPMC St. Margaret (poster)

Happy Staff, Happy Graph: Associations Between Quality and Business Outcomes
Lauren Christy, Melanie Smith-Fortney, Benjamin Morrow
UPMC Presbyterian (poster)

Press Ganey Nurse Excellence Survey: Statistical Methods to Achieving National Benchmarks Using the Moneyball Theory
Lauren Christy, Benjamin Morrow, Melanie Smith-Fortney
UPMC Presbyterian (poster)

Increasing Patient Access to Healthcare Providers Through Tele-health
Beth Quinn, Rebecca Lavezoli, Maribeth McLaughlin, Heather Ambrose
UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital (poster)

Implementation of a Surge Unit
Brittany Sheets, Heather Ambrose, Eric Schnur, Jill Young-Hague
UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital (poster)

Central Workforce Staffing Center: Strategic Redeployment of Staffing Resources in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic
Lauren Gorman, Jill Larkin, Sara Martin Cua, Holly Lorenz
UPMC Center for Nursing Excellence (poster)

QUALITY AND SAFETY CATEGORY

First Place:

Saving Every Patient-1 at a time! (SEP-1 Early Management Bundle, Severe Sepsis/Shock)

Katherine McConnell, Betsy Tedesco
UPMC Passavant (poster)

Second Place:

PAD It PPI in the Neuro Trauma ICU: Pressure Attenuating Dressing in Time to Prevent Pressure Injury

Teresa Lucchetti, Joseph Darby, Karen Nigra,
Katherine Spiering, Thomas Moore
UPMC Presbyterian (poster)

Implementation of a Simulation-Based Training to Improve Staff Competence in Medical Emergencies
Lauren Piper UPMC McKeesport Creation of an Opioid Stewardship Committee (OSC) to Focus on Patient Safety During the Opioid Pandemic

Katherine McConnell, Alexis Burke
UPMC Passavant (poster)

Managing Clozapine-Induced Constipation in a Long-Term Structured Residence for Adults with Serious Mental Illness

Lori Arbutiski, Ana Lupu, Andrea Temelie,
Roy Chengappa
UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital (poster)

Condition M: Designing a Campus Specific Behavioral Health Crisis Response Team

Kimberly Baker, Jill Bertoty, Leslie Cairns,
Donald Charley, Priya Gopalan, Laura Hunsberger,
Ben Morrow, Alice Mullinary, Staci Saunders,
Melanie Smith-Fortney, Gena Walker
UPMC Presbyterian (poster)

The Importance of Bedside Leaders: A Fall Prevention Initiative

Caitlin Konieczka, Jessica Zelcs, Tammy Barker-Fleming,
Sarah Ortenzo
UPMC Presbyterian (poster)

Sustained Achievement: Decreasing Urinary Catheter Utilization and CAUTIs through Focused Education on an Orthopedic Unit

Alyssa Sypolt¹, Lisa Welsh¹, Donna Devitto¹, Joon Lee²
1-UPMC Presbyterian, 2-School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh (poster)

Sustained Achievement: Reducing Hospital Readmissions Through Post-Discharge Phone Calls for Post-operative Otolaryngology Patients

Cheryl Kleer¹, Colleen Cochenour¹, Elizabeth Ciardi¹,
Carol Scholle¹, Darlene Lovasik¹, Eric Wang²
1-UPMC Presbyterian, 2-School of Medicine,
University of Pittsburgh (poster)

EDUCATION AND INNOVATION CATEGORY

First Place:

Collaborating with Nursing Council Members to Cultivate Hourly Rounding Best Practices

Sharon Hanchett, Sherri Jones, Katie Falcioni,
Kristen George, Karen Urban, Amy McLaughlin
UPMC Shadyside (poster)

Second Place:

Empowering Nurses Through an Innovative Competency Assessment Model

Catherine Green, Kendallyn White
UPMC St. Margaret (poster)

Introducing SAM: A Skills Acquisition Model for Nursing Orientation

Carrie Jeffery, Amy Bridgman, Donna Weyant, Kimberly Nelson
UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (poster)

Cultivating Collaboration for an Evidence Based Practice Organization While Mentoring and Driving Innovation at the Bedside

Judith Tinelli, Emily Wickline, Jennifer Parrotte
UPMC St. Margaret (poster)

Decreasing Length of Stay During The COVID-19 Pandemic Positively Impacts Patient Outcomes in the Postpartum Setting

Rebecca Lavezoli¹, Beth Quinn¹, Gysella Muniz Pujalt²,
Heather Ambrose¹, Catherine Thomas¹,
Maribeth McLaughlin¹
1-UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital, 2-UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (poster)

Respite Rooms: An Innovative Approach to Enhance Nurse Resiliency with COVID-19 Burnout

Melanie Smith-Fortney¹, Sandra Rader¹, Shelley Watters¹,
Lisa Donahue¹, Amy McLaughlin², Sherri Jones²,
Jesse Callaro¹
1-UPMC Presbyterian, 2-UPMC Shadyside (poster)

Excellence During Distancing: New Nurse Transition to Practice Program During COVID-19

Jennifer Hicks, Jennifer Parrotte
UPMC St. Margaret (poster)

Improving Transition to Practice Orientation for Nurses in the Progressive Care Setting

Kristen Lutz
UPMC Passavant

Advocacy Through Discussions

Jennifer Hicks, Jennifer Parrotte
UPMC St. Margaret (poster)

Transforming Nursing Orientation During a Pandemic

Tiffany Conlin¹, Nancy Miller², Katharine Sebesta³, Feather Bacher², Catherine Green⁴, Dawn Klejka⁵, Jeannine DiNella¹, Beth Augustine⁶, Melissa Cade⁶
1-UPMC Presbyterian, 2-UPMC Shadyside, 3-UPMC Mercy, 4-UPMC, St. Margaret, 5-UPMC East, 6-UPMC Center for Nursing Excellence (poster)

Building and Supporting a Culture of Nursing Inquiry

Connie Henry, Olivia Glotfelty-Scheuering
UPMC Mercy (poster)

Development of a Policy and Procedure Repository for International Use

Frank Ricci, Siew Lee Grand-Clement, Sandy Giammona, Wanyue Chen, Brian Tomblin, Nnenna Uche UPMC International (poster)

Providing Medication Education for Transplant Recipients Using On-line Education During COVID-19 Restrictions

Stephanie Dermont, Diane Jaynes, Carol Tamenne, Lisa Fox-Hawranko, Heather Johnson, Kristine Schonder, Kristen Shimko, Darlene Lovasik
UPMC Presbyterian (poster)

Promoting A Pipeline Approach to Retain Graduate Nurses: A Tailored Interviewing Approach to Strategically Retain Graduate Nurse Applicants, Fill Hospital Unit Vacancies, and Develop Nurse Confidence

Megan Lowman, Sami Zych
UPMC Mercy (poster)

UPMC Nurses Week Conference Posters

ED Blood Culture Collection: Reducing Contamination Rates in the Emergency Department

UPMC Magee-Womens Emergency Department
Lindsey Assisi, MSN, RN; Cindy Frosztega, MSN, RN; Elizabeth Teeter, BSN, RN (poster)

Designing a Campus Specific Behavioral Health Crisis Response Team

UPMC Presbyterian
Kimberly Baker MSN, RN, CARN; Jill Bertoty MSN, RN; Leslie Cairns DNP, RN, CMSRN; Donald Charley; Priya Gopalan MD, FACLP; Laura Hunsberger BSN, RN, PCCN; Ben Morrow MSN, RN, NEA-BC; Alice Mullinary MSN, RN; Melanie Smith-Fortney MSN, RN, NEA-BC; Gena Walker MD, FHM (poster)

COVID-19 Can't Steal the Spotlight: The Impact of Daily Caregiver Calls

UPMC Presbyterian
Tammy Barker BSN RN CNRN, Benjamin Morrow MSN RN NEA-BC, Sarah Ortenzo MSN RN SCRNL (poster)

Transforming Nursing Orientation During a Pandemic

UPMC Centralized Registered Nurse Orientation-Allegheny County
Tiffany Conlin MSN, RN, CMSRN, Nancy Miller MSN, RN, ONC, Katharine Sebesta DNP, RN, Feather Bacher MSN, RN, CNRN, Catherine Green MSN, RN, CMSRN, Dawn Klejka DNP, RN, NPD-BC, Jeannine DiNella DNP, RN, CCNS, Beth Augustine MSN, RN-BC, Melissa Cade MS (poster)

Reduction of Urine Culture Contamination in an Emergency Department through Multiple Process Improvement Interventions

UPMC St. Margaret
Clare Cowen, MPH CIC, Shelley Frinsco, BSN RN, Rebecca Nosal, PA-C, Faith Colen, MSN, RN, CEN, CPHQ, NEA-BC, Jessica Carter, MSN, RN, CMSRN (poster)

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Are Your "Drawers" Clean? An Interdisciplinary Approach to Medication Safety

UPMC Passavant
Renee Dixson MSN RN CPHQ, John Filipcic MSN RN, Chrissy Wall MSN RN-BC, Allison Moser MSN RN, Kathryn Fowler MLS MSN MEDSURG-BC RN-BC, Brian Lohr PharmD, Julie Birchok PharmD, Danica Derbis MSN RN-BC, Linda Nicolaus BS PharmD, Brenda Murphy PharmD, & Kelley Szelc MSN RN CDCES

Elevating the Patient Experience the Ripe Way

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital
Linda Dudas, MSN, RNC, CNL Ashley Iannazzo, DNP, RN, CNL

Meet Me Under the Bigtop: Using innovative technology to create an Emergency Nursing Virtual Fun House in a Carnival Setting

UPMC Passavant McCandless/Cranberry Emergency Department
Christie Galcik, MSN, RN,CEN, Cassandra Hanks, BSN, RN, Stacey Holcomb, BSN,RN, Alan Martino, BSN, RN, CEN, PHRN, Nicole Saul, BSN, RN, CEN

Mixed Study Review of the Effect of High-Risk Telephonic Case Management on Rates of Acute Hospitalizations and Unplanned Care in a High-Risk Population

UPMC Health Plan, Medical Management
Jessica Janicki, RN, CCM

Introducing SAM: A Skills Acquisition Model for Nursing Orientation

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Carrie M. Jeffery MSN, RN, CP

Impact of Discharge Phone Calls on Care Transitions and Readmissions

UPMC Shadyside

Sherri Jones, MS, MBA, RDN, LDN, SSGB, CPHQ, FAND;
Lindsay Pegher, MSN, RN, RN-BC; Sharon Hanchett, MSN,
RN, OCN; Anna Maria Lang, MSN, RN, OCN; Erica Bedn-
arowicz, BSN, RN, OCN; Evanne Wahal, BSN, RN; Brian
Shipper, MSN, MBA, RN, CPHQ

*Collaboration Between a Birthing Hospital and
Obstetrical Offices to Improve Documented Prenatal
Breastfeeding Education*

UPMC Altoona

Autumn Claycomb, RN, Vivian Evans, RN, MSN, MBA,
Alison Keating, RN, BSN, IBCLC, Michelle Moore, MSN,
RN, Pam O'Donnell, MSN, RN-BC, Shannon Tegeler, RN,
Michele Thompson, RN, IBCLC, Linda Williams, Senior
Practice Manager, MWSS

*Escaping Lecture-Based Education with an Oncology
Escape Room Exercise*

UPMC Shadyside

Jamilyn Kennell, MSN RN OCN; Wendy Lucas, MSN RN
CCRN CCNS BMTCN

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RN, CCRN-K, CCTN; Unit 8W Charge Nurses; Eric Wang,
MD, FACS

*Effect of Eliminating the Use of Indwelling Catheters on
Length of Stay in Total Hip and Total Knee Arthroplasty
Patients*

UPMC Williamsport

Ellen Kramer, MSN, RN, NE-BC, ONC, Becky Folmar, RN
ONC, Kathy Eck RN, CPAN, Lisa Emery, BSN, RN, ONC

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Nigra, BSN, RN, CCRN, Katherine Spiering, MSN, RN,
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*Reducing Readmission Risk in the Post-Operative
Surgical Patient*

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CNRN, Eileen Roach MSN RN, Bradley J. Molyneaux MD
PhD, Stephanie Henry MSN RN, Kavita Shah MD

*Improving Specialist Access Locally for Patients via
Telemedicine*

UPMC Somerset

Amber Phillippi, MSN, RN, Emily Stutzman-Shaulis, MSN,
RN, Kristine Keefer Wolff, DNP, RN, NEA-BC

*Closing the Gaps for Maternal Mental Health:
A Centralized Approach*

UPMC Magee Womens Hospital

Natalie Pierce, BS, RN; Beth Quinn, MSN, RNC-MNN

**UPMC St. Margaret Hot Topics In Nursing Virtual
Conference Podium Presentations**

*Promoting Engagement in a Virtual Learning
Environment: The Implementation of a Virtual Escape
Room*

Samuel Clinger, MSN, RN, PCCN

*Patient Education: A Relationship Between Medication
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Improving Certification Rates for Operating Room Nurses
Angela Trimpey, BSN, RN, CNOR

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*Decreasing the Development of Urinary Tract Infections
after Intermittent Catheterization*

Sarah Resick, BSN, RN, CRRN
Daniel Schweitzer, RN, CRRN

*The Launch of Two Mindfulness Meditation Rooms
at UPMC St. Margaret Hospital*

Amy Davis, DNP, RN, CMSRN

Holly Meier, BSN, RN, PCCN

*Increasing Nurse Autonomy to Facilitate Increased
Patient Satisfaction and Employee Engagement*

Emily Snider, BSN, RN

*The Evidence-Based Practice and Research Council
Educational Implementation Plan to Ignite Research in
the Hands of the Bedside Nurses*

Judith Tinelli, MSN, RN, ONC, CRRN, CNL

*Psychiatric Staff Attitudes Toward LGBTQIA+
Populations*

Jessica Leonard, BS

Ann Mitchell, PhD, RN, FAAN

Stacy Stark, MSN, RN

*Improving Communication for Deaf Patients through
Increased Knowledge of Sign Language, Deaf Culture,
and the Americans with Disabilities Act*

Amber Cole, RN, PCCN

*Phoning in on the Fourth Trimester: A Telephonic
Outreach Program*

Kelly Martin, MSN, RN-CBC

*Supporting New Hires through Orientation
Standardization*

Nicolette Corrado, BSN, RN

Marissa Darnay, MSN, RN, CMSRN

Kendallyn White, MSN, RN, CMSRN

Morgan Yamber, MSN, RN