

2008 Illinois ENA Evidence-Based Practice Poster Contest Winners

Calvert, Sarah, RN, BSN. (Loyola University Health System, Maywood, Ill).
Introduction to ED Bypass. (Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, Ill.). Due to a decline in inpatient admission during the 1980s and 1990s, hospitals decreased bed availabilities in an effort to decrease costs. The result was that currently there are not enough EDs to meet the needs of the communities and 34.4% of hospitals went on bypass during 2004. Several innovative solutions to the ambulance bypass issue were reviewed in the US, Canada and Europe.

Goedecke, Vicky, RN, MSN. (Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights, Ill).
Growing Successful Pediatric Emergency Nurses. An innovative educational program focused on preparing nurses to care for pediatric patients was presented. This program combined an education component along with a modified clinical internship to prepare nurses to obtain the theoretical knowledge and clinical experience they need to care for pediatric patients.

Ruther, Michelle, RN, BSN. (Loyola University Health System, Maywood, Ill). ED
Overcrowding: The Dilemma of Caring for Patients in an Overcrowded Emergency Department. Hospital overcrowding, including emergency departments (EDs) is reaching epidemic proportions in the United States. Wait times for both ED service and inpatient beds are increasing exponentially. There are many problems encompassed in hospital overcrowding and too few solutions. Admitted patients waiting for a hospital bed are bordered in the ED. This can lead to mistakes and patient safety issues based on the fact that emergency room nurses are not trained to be med-surg, telemetry or ICU nurses. The ED environment is unsuitable for the admitted patient based on noise level, constant activity, level of cleanliness and unfamiliarity with floor orders.

Catrambone, Cathy, RN, PhD & Thompson, Nicole, BA. (Rush University Medical Center). The Illinois ED Asthma Surveillance Project. The Illinois ED Asthma Surveillance Project is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to gather information about how asthma is treated in the community and across the state. Asthma treatment in Illinois is benchmarked against national standards and guidelines. Findings are presented and recommendations made regarding the treatment of asthma in EDs across Illinois.

Please note: On the next page is a list of all the posters that were submitted in the 2008 contest that were then presented at the 2009 Illinois ENA Spring Symposium Poster Contest.

**2009 Illinois ENA Spring Symposium
(Posters submitted in 2008 Contest)**

- 1. “Radon & Lung Cancer: A Community Education Program”
Cindy Ladage, Illinois Emergency Management Agency Radon Program**
- 2. “ED By-Pass”
Sarah Calvert, Loyola University Health System ED**
- 3. “Developing and Implementing an Evidence-Based Protocol on Therapeutic Hypothermia in the Post-Resuscitation Patient”
Zebuline Koran, Northwest Community Hospital**
- 4. “A Standardized Pediatric Dosing Tool to Promote Safe and Effective Medication Delivery for Children Requiring Procedural Sedation in the Emergency Department”
Leslie Wilkans, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital**
- 5. “Jumpstart: How a Small Amount of Seed Funding Can Lead to a Big Bushel of Training”
Mary Otting, RN; Elisabeth K Weber, RN, MA, CEN; Sally L Reynolds, MD, Children's Memorial Hospital**
- 6. “Pediatric Emergency Preparedness Consultation for Community Hospitals”
Elisabeth K Weber, RN, MA, CEN; Sally L Reynolds, MD, Children's Memorial Hospital**
- 7. “ED Overcrowding”
Michelle Ruther, Loyola University Health System ED**
- 8. “Growing Successful Pediatric Emergency Nurses”
Vicki Goedecke, Northwest Community Hospital**
- 9. “Illinois ED Asthma Surveillance Project”
Cathy Catrambone/Nicole Thompson, Rush ED**
- 10. “Adaptation and Validation of the Pediatric Leadership Assessment Tool”
Bonnie Mobley, Children's Memorial Hospital**