

Illinois State Council Emergency Nurses Association

Meeting Summary
April 26, 2008

Celebrating successes:

- Thelma Kuska was inducted into the Academy of Emergency Medicine
- Mary Connelly (IMERT/INVENT) was noted in a recent Nursing Spectrum on nursing and emergency preparedness
- Illinois ENA received an outstanding State Council Achievement award from National ENA
- Kathy Koch and Amy Krupa were initiated into Sigma Theta Tau
- Sue Surane was interviewed by ADVANCE Nursing for her work with implementing SBIRT in her emergency department
- Christine Chaput completed her Masters at Loyola
- Paula Tanabe received the NIH Career Development award
- Lynette Hemphill was promoted to Supervisor in the MacNeal Hospital Emergency Department
- Radek Hoffman was a Nurse of the Year finalist in Nursing Spectrum
- Amy Krupa had an article published in Nursing Spectrum

Updates:

- Risa Denenfeld presented information on the Illinois Education Foundation Nursing Mentor Program
- Evelyn Lyons reviewed new features/items on the Illinois ENA website
- Paula Tanabe presented updates for the Illinois Emergency Department Asthma Surveillance Project (IEDASP) and encouraged hospitals to participate in the project.
- Paul Tanabe presented information on a focus group for adult sickle cell disease that will convene in the fall. ED nurses will be recruited for the focus group.
- Bonnie Mobley reviewed the CVENT program. It will be utilized not only for the Spring Symposium and meeting announcements, but for other activities as well, i.e. sending out reminder notices regarding the board elections.
- Cheryl Vinikoor and Vicky Goeddeke provided information at the Student Lobby Day in Springfield. Students had the opportunity to talk with legislators.
- Written committee and SIG reports were reviewed.

Educational Presentation:

Hematologic Emergencies was presented by Letty Valdiviez, RN, MSN, CNS, Children's Memorial Hospital

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights.