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Systemic Isoform-Selective Heat Shock Protein 90 Inhibitors Improve the Therapeutic Index of Morphine

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Alternative Therapies to Improve Mental Health Outcomes in Youth with Socially Complex Needs

Thesis Chairs: Melissa Goldsmith and Terri Farmer

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A Restorative Touch and Experience: Promoting Safe and Effective Skin-To-Skin Contact Through Best-Practice Recommendations

Thesis Chair: Melissa Goldsmith and Beverly Bias

Bobbi Jackson

No Bed Nonsense: Evidence-Based and Informed Recommendations Addressing Emergency Department Overcrowding

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Best Practice Recommendations for Lifestyle Interventions for Adult Hispanics/Latinos with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

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Improving Patient Safety Outcome Through Nurse Staffing

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Community Service Thesis on Combating Adverse Health Childhood Experiences

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Effects of Seasonality, Food Insecurity, and Diet Quality on Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus Among American Indian Young Adults

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Mothers' Reflections on their Management of Information Resources and the Early Journeys of Parenting Children with Congenital Anomalies Diagnosed During Pregnancy

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Understanding the Resilience of Children Living on an American Indian Reservation: A Mixed Methods Participatory-Social Justice Investigation

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Contributing Factors to Turnover Intention in Acute Care Nurse Leaders

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The Direct Care Worker Self-Identified Education Needs in the Small Assisted Living Home

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Improving Adolescent Depression Identification in the Primary Care Setting with Standardized Screening

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Nurses Education in Motivational Interviewing to Increase Veterans' Referrals to the MOVE Program

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Implementing Self-Management Education to Improve Glycemic Control in Type 2 Diabetic Patients

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Advance Care Planning in the Homeless Population

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Evidence-Based Education on Adverse Childhood Experiences Screening for Behavioral Health Care Providers

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Caregiver Education on Injury Prevention in Infants 0-12 months

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A Provider-Focused Educational Intervention on Prediabetes Screening and Lifestyle Modifications

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Primary Care Provider Education on Suicide Risk Assessment and Management

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Electronic Cigarette Education for Parents of Adolescents

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Improving Primary Care Medication Reconciliation Through Education

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The Comfort Measures Only Time-Out With Checklist

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Education and Evaluation of Using Best Practice for Arterial Sheath Removals: A Quality Improvement Project

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The First Five Minute Program Derived From Mock Cardiopulmonary Arrest Implementation

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Human-Animal Interactions for Veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress: A Community Education Project

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Promoting Advanced Care Planning and Goals of Care Conversations: An Educational Intervention

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Decreasing Physical Restraint Use in the Emergency Department through Staff Education

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Decreasing Weight Bias to Improve Outcomes and the Patient-Provider Relationship

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Using Unit Education Champions to Improve Education Delivery to Frontline Nurses

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Increasing Caregiver Knowledge of Water Safety Through an Evidence-Based Presentation

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Improving Communication with Patients Expressing Vaccine Hesitancy in Primary Care

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Increasing Child Maltreatment Risk Factor Screening with the Safe Environment for Every Kid Model

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Promoting Sexual Health Education in Adolescent and Young Adults Receiving Cancer Treatment

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Foot Examination Implementation with Monofilament in Primary Care: A Quality Improvement Project

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Non-Pharmacologic Hypertension Education for Patients with Peripheral Vascular Diseases

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Increasing Patient Understanding and Self-management of Hypertension During Nurse-Led Visits

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Implementing Steadi To Enhance Fall Preventative Measures In Aging Community-Dwelling Veterans

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Evaluation of Teaching Project for Modifiable Risk Factors for Elevated Blood Pressure

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Primary Care Provider Education for Fostering Antimicrobial Stewardship: A Quality Improvement Project

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Promoting Primary Care Provider Awareness of Glucose Buddy: A Mobile Application Resource Supporting Diabetes Self-Management

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Improving Patient Education on Blood Pressure Management in a Medically-Underserved Primary Care Clinic

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The Use of Mobile Health Devices in the Screening of Atrial Fibrillation

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Using a Comprehensive Approach for Asthma Education and Action Planning

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Implementing a Nurse-Driven Clinical Decision Support Tool for Early Sepsis Recognition

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Mindfulness-Based Interventions: Combatting Burnout and Compassion Fatigue Among Mental Health Caregivers

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The Impact of Evidence-Based Pediatric Food Insecurity Education on Provider Knowledge

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Evidence-Based Education to Improve Caregiver Knowledge of Fever Management in Young Children

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Educating Parents of Adolescents in Southwest Texas on the Signs and Symptoms of Adolescent Depression
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Skin Cancer Prevention Education in Young Adults
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Assessing Patients' Perceptions and Utilization of a Patient Portal in an Urban Utah Primary Care Clinic
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Risk Education for Prevention of Eating Disorders Among Korean American Women
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Screening and Monitoring of Hypertension and Diabetes in All Mental Health Patients
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Advance Directives in Primary Care: Increasing Engagement Through Community Outreach
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POLST Form Provider Education for the Acute Care Setting
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Weight Loss Consultation in a Primary Care Setting
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Yoga as a Complementary Treatment for Adolescents with Depression
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Improving Cervical Cancer Prevention Knowledge with Education via Fotonovela
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Education on Smoking Behaviors and Treatment Considerations to Improve Psychiatric Provider Knowledge
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Reducing Unexplained Extubations in Critical Care unit
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Education Utilization for Atopic March Awareness in Pediatric Primary Care Providers
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Improving Advance Care Planning: An Educational Intervention for Primary Care Providers
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Early Identification of Peripheral Neuropathy with Monofilament
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Improving Skin Protection Behaviors in People with Skin Cancer
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Using An Educational Seminar To Reduce Overprescribing Of Antibiotics In Outpatient Settings
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Educating Primary Care Providers on STEADI to Prevent Falls in Elderly
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Team Approach to Prescription of Naloxone With Opioid Therapy
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Provider Education Regarding Hospice and Palliative Care: Improving Patient Outcomes
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Addressing Low Health Literacy Levels of Diabetic Patients In Primary Care
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The Inaugural Year: Program Evaluation of the Inpatient Addiction Medicine Consult Service
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Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure as a Tool in the Primary Care Setting
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Improving Knowledge of RASS Assessment in Air Medical Transport
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Providing Education and Screening for Prevention of Child Maltreatment in Rural Utah
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Connecting New Immigrants to Mental Health Providers and Community Resources
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Using a Patient-Centered, Educational Approach to Support Patients with Mental Health Conditions in Adherence to Prescribed Interventions
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Providing Education to Improve Utilization of the PHQ-9 in a Primary Care Clinic
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Mindful Self-Care
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ER to ICU: Is the Nurse Ready?
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Increasing Suicide Risk Management Comfort for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners in Training
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Implementing the Diabetic Foot Exam in a Family Practice

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Empowering Nursing Staff Confidence to Manage Behavioral Health Patient's Awaiting Placement in the Emergency Department Through the Use of a Standardized Care Template

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Achieving Birth Equity: Expanding Access to Prenatal Care Through Telehealth

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Provider Response to Utilizing STOPP/START Criteria for Medication Deprescribing in Older Adults

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OUTSTANDING PHD DISSERTATION AWARD

Awarded to a graduating PhD candidate whose dissertation: had an overall impact on nursing; helps provide a foundation for the research program or scholarly endeavors; demonstrates independent research; and demonstrates scholarly writing.

OUTSTANDING DNP PROJECT AWARD

Awarded to a graduating DNP candidate whose project: had an overall impact on nursing; helps provide a foundation for the research program or scholarly endeavors; demonstrates independent research, and; demonstrates scholarly writing.

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Presented to an outstanding RN-MS student who embodies the qualities of academic excellence; commitment to nursing; interpersonal relationships with patients, peers and staff; and organizational leadership.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP AWARD

Presented to an outstanding RN-MS student who demonstrates transformational leadership skills; a collaborative, positive approach; excellent communication skills, and; a commitment to excellence in health care systems leadership.

GLADYS E. SORENSEN AWARD

Presented to an outstanding graduating student who demonstrates excellence in scholarly endeavors, a contribution to nursing through presentations, an unwavering commitment to nursing, and excellent communication skills.

JULIA HUBLEY AWARD

Presented to a graduating pre-licensure student who demonstrates a commitment to nursing, clinical excellence, collaboration with health professionals, and excellent communication skills when giving care.

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Presented to a graduating BSN student who is committed to pursuing graduate studies in Nursing.

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Presented to a graduating pre-licensure student who demonstrates leadership abilities among peers; active participation in a student nurse organization; academic excellence; enthusiasm for academia and life-long learning.

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