

ELNEC Connections

End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium Summer 2009

Welcome to the Summer 2009 Issue!

The End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium is pleased to bring you the Summer 2009 issue of *ELNEC Connections*, a quarterly newsletter to showcase efforts in end-of-life nursing education and practice. This newsletter spotlights project developments and provides resources that may be useful to you as an ELNEC trainer.

ELNEC is a national education program to improve end-of-life care by nurses. The project, which began in February 2000, was funded by a major grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Additional funding has been received from the National Cancer and Open Society Institutes, and Aetna, Archstone, Oncology Nursing, and California Healthcare Foundations. ELNEC is administered through a partnership between the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the City of Hope (COH).



Three National Courses Remain for 2009 Two International Courses to be Presented

Seven national and one international ELNEC courses have been held in 2009. Three national and two international courses remain. Please forward the information about these courses to any of your colleagues who may be interested in attending. For registration information, visit www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC/CourseSchedule.htm.

National Courses:

- September 24-25: ELNEC-Core, Boston, MA
- October 16-17: ELNEC-Pediatric Palliative Care, Memphis, TN (*NICU and perinatal palliative care will be debuted in this new curriculum*)
- October 23-24: ELNEC-Critical Care Washington, DC

International Courses:

- August 20-21: Seoul, Korea
- August 27-28: San Juan VA, Puerto Rico

Update on ELNEC-HPNA Courses

In July, 76 nurses attended the first ELNEC-Core train-the-trainer course that was held in partnership with the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) in Minneapolis, MN. In August, a second course was held in Orlando, FL, with over 120 participants. A third course will be held in September in Boston, MA. This course is almost full, so register today!

HPNA has agreed to partner with the ELNEC Project to hold three more courses in 2010 in various parts of the country. A listing of dates and locations will be placed on the ELNEC Web site by the middle of October.

2010 ELNEC Courses Being Planned

- February 4-5: ELNEC-For Veterans, Pasadena, CA
- March 7: ELNEC-International, 16th ICCN Conference, Atlanta, GA
- March 8-10: ELNEC-Geriatric, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- April TBA: ELNEC-For Veterans, Washington, DC
- April 29-30: ELNEC-Geriatric, Pasadena, CA (Archstone funded for CA nurses)*
- July 20-22: ELNEC-International, Nigeria
- October 7-8: ELNEC-Critical Care, Pasadena, CA (Archstone funded for CA nurses)*

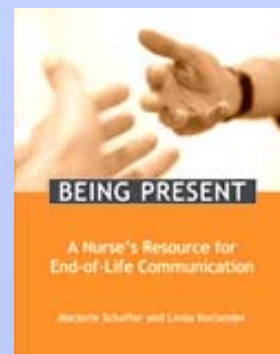
*Nurses from California will receive free registration from the Archstone Foundation. Non-CA nurses may also attend these courses, but will need to pay the registration fee.

At least four more courses will be added to the 2010 schedule: one ELNEC-Pediatric Palliative Care and three ELNEC-Core. Course dates and locations will be announced by the middle of October on the ELNEC Web site, www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC.

ELNEC Trainer Writes Book

One of the original ELNEC trainers and an ELNEC Award Winner, Marjorie Schaffer, PhD, RN, Professor of Nursing at Bethel College in St. Paul, MN, has written a book with Linda Norlander. The book is titled *Being Present: A Nurse's Resource for End-of-Life Communication*.

As a Fulbright Senior Scholar, Marjorie lectured and conducted research on end-of-life care in Norway. She has written 40 articles and book chapters and speaks nationally and internationally on end-of-life care and decision making. Linda also just published a book titled, *To Comfort Always: A Nurse's Guide to End-of-Life Care*.



For more information about these two books, please visit each of the following links:

- <http://www.nursingknowledge.org/Portal/main.aspx?PageID=36&SKU=92150>
- <http://www.nursingknowledge.org/Portal/main.aspx?PageID=36&SKU=85359>

You may send congratulations to Marjorie at mm-schaffer@bethel.edu.

Simulations in End-of-Life Scenarios Available

ELNEC trainer, Marilyn Stoner, PhD, RN, continues to develop end-of-life scenarios that can be used with SimMan®, a Laerdal simulator. Online streaming of two simulations completed at the California State University San Bernardino can be found at <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/1414722>.

Ustream.tv is a free application that anyone can use for broadcasts or recordings. The videos will be online for a couple of months and then removed.

If you would like to know more about Marilyn's work, contact her at marilynstoner@verizon.net.

ELNEC-INTERNATIONAL

ELNEC Team Provides Palliative Care Education to over 750 in Kenya

Opportunity to Assist New Hospice in Kenya Available to ELNEC Trainers

A five-day ELNEC-International train-the-trainer course was held July 20-24, 2009 in Nairobi, Kenya, with 49 nurses, physicians, social workers, psychologists, and chaplains attending.



The team, Patrick Coyne, MSN, CHPN; Betty Ferrell, PhD, RN; Pam Malloy, MN, RN; Judy Paice, PhD, RN; and Tom Smith, MD, not only provided

ELNEC training but also had opportunities to speak at critical care, hospice, HIV/AIDS clinic, and oncology center grand-rounds at the Nairobi and Kenyatta Hospitals and Nairobi Hospice.

On Saturday, July 25, an all-day palliative care conference was held at the Kenyatta Hospital with 110 people in attendance. All totaled, 442 RNs, 303 MDs, and 20 social workers/chaplains/psychologists attended one of the many educational sessions held throughout the week.

Careful planning was done by Dr. Zipporah Ali, Executive Director of Kenya Hospices and Palliative Care Association, and Dr. Esther Munyoro, Director of the Palliative Care Program at the Kenyatta National Hospital. With a vision to reach all of Kenya, both physicians marketed the course country-wide, with representatives from all eight provinces in attendance. Twenty nursing faculty from various institutions in Kenya attended the course.



While in Kenya, the team met Joyce Marete, RN, who works at the Nairobi Hospice. Joyce is from Nanyuki and would like to return there to start a palliative care and hospice program to serve this region of Kenya. Joyce attended the ELNEC course in Nairobi and spoke with the faculty about the desperate need for palliative care services in Nanyuki and the surrounding area. The hospital in Nanyuki does not stock morphine or other forms of opioids to treat the pain of the many residents who have cancer, HIV/AIDS and other chronic, life-limiting illnesses.

Joyce received a grant from the Princess Diana Fund to do research on wound care, and her work has helped many patients. She has spoken to physicians and nurses at the hospital in Nanyuki and has begun to educate them about the importance of palliative care. In the picture to the left, Joyce is looking at the site in Nanyuki where she will begin palliative care and hospice services. She has been provided with a place to begin her work, but is in need of supplies, medications, and salary. The ELNEC Project Team invites you to contribute to this effort.

Our goal is to be able to provide \$7,000, so Joyce can begin the first year of hospice/palliative care services in Nanyuki. If you would like to donate, you may do so by sending your tax-deductible gift to City of Hope/ELNEC-International Fund. The order form is available on the ELNEC Web site at www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC/docs/KenyaHospiceForm.doc.

ELNEC-INTERNATIONAL

2nd Annual Conference on Hospice and Palliative Care in Developing Countries to be Held in Fresno, CA

The second annual educational medical conference “Hospice and Palliative Care in Developing Countries” will be held at the University of California, San Francisco Fresno, September 18 & 19, 2009. To register, visit www.cme.ucsf.edu.

The objectives of this conference are to bring nursing and medical professionals into action through education, partnering, projects, and service opportunities. Two national ELNEC staff, Hollye Harrington Jacobs and Rose Virani will present and review the ELNEC-International opportunities of the past and future.

For students wishing to attend, a special non-credit card rate of \$35.00 will apply. Contact Nancy Hinds, nancy@hindshospice.org, for student registration and any questions about flight connections or alternative travel arrangements from San Francisco to Fresno.

TRAINER OPPORTUNITIES

Nominations for ELNEC Award Winners to Begin in the Fall



The ELNEC Project Office will be taking nominations from ELNEC trainers who would like to recommend a colleague, or themselves, for one of eight awards.

More details about the awards and the nomination form will be provided later this fall. So be thinking about who you would like to nominate for this award.

Pain Resource Nurse (PRN) Program to be Held in Chicago

The training course for Pain Resource Nurse (PRN) Program Coordinators will be held November 13-14, 2009 in Chicago, IL. PRN programs are designed to prepare staff nurses to act as role models and resources for the day-to-day care of patients in pain. We invite you or a nursing leader from your organization to consider attending. Please apply early as the program will be limited to 50 participants (one per institution unless space permits).

Please visit <http://www.trc.wisc.edu/prncourse/> for full details and application information.

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