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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 1980-1981
MSN Adult Primary Health Care
Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 1975-1979
BSN Nursing

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner, 1982-Present
Professional Nurse, 1979-Present
American Nurses Credentialing Center, National Board Certification
Gerontological Nurse Practitioner, 1984-Present
Adult Nurse Practitioner, 1982-Present

EXPERIENCE

Dementia Connection

Formerly GeriScan Geriatric Consulting, Clarks Summit, PA

President, 1999-Present

Editor, Dementia Connection E-Newsletter, 2007-present (formerly the GeriScanner)

Founded a national firm focusing on geriatric education of health care providers. Specialty programs offered on Alzheimer's disease, depression and geriatric syndromes. Evidence-based research customized for target audiences: over 500 presentations given in 40 states. Participants include: advanced practice nurses, physicians, case managers, nurses, social workers, nursing assistants, consumers and long term care and assisted living facility administrators. E-newsletter distributed monthly to nearly 10,000 geriatric health care providers in US and 10 countries.

Clinical Practice: Geropsychiatric Consultant for Medical and Nursing Staff
Holy Family Residence Long-Term Care Center, Scranton PA
Dementia and Depression consults for assessment and management

Decker School of Nursing Graduate Program
Binghamton University (SUNY) Binghamton, New York

Clinical Instructor, 2000-2003

Taught four courses per academic year in geriatrics, primary care and nursing to family and geriatric nurse practitioner, gerontological clinical nurse specialist, and undergraduate baccalaureate students.

Wyoming Valley Family Practice Residency, Kingston, Pennsylvania
Faculty/Director of Geriatrics, 1996-1999 (PT) Faculty 1987-1999 (PT)

- Responsible for development, implementation, ongoing revision of geriatric curriculum
- Coordinated and provided home care and a bimonthly geriatric assessment clinic with residents, Medical, NP and PharmD students
- Provided teaching nursing home rounds in 10 SNFs and ALFs
- Presented didactic lectures on geriatric syndromes
- Precepted medical students from Penn State/Hershey Medical School, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Temple University School of Medicine and Medical College of Pennsylvania/Hahnemann University School of Medicine, Doctor of Pharmacy students from Wilkes University

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University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania
Graduate School of Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner Program
Adjunct Faculty- Geriatrics 1996-1997

Resource Applications/Mosby Publishing Co. St. Louis, Missouri/Baltimore, Maryland
Faculty, 1988-1994-13 full day workshops For RNs on Physical Assessment
Calgary, Vancouver, Ottawa, Hamilton, Philadelphia, New York,
Boston, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Detroit, Chicago

Veterans Administration Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
Nurse Practitioner, Nursing Home Care Unit. Full-time 1982-1986; Part-time 1987

Lake Area Health Education Center, Erie, Pennsylvania
Faculty, 1984-1987

Presented 18 full-day workshops on Geriatric Physical Assessment and Drug Problems
in the Elderly in Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Delaware.

State Department of the Aging, Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
Temporary Nurse Consultant, February-July 1987

Veterans Administration Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
Staff Nurse, Medicine, November 1979-August 1980

Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton, Pennsylvania
Staff Nurse, Medicine/Surgery, May 1979-November 1979

NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Confused by Confusion? Alzheimer's, Vascular, Lewy Body and Parkinson's Dementia
Depression in Elders: Function, Co-Morbidities and Mortality
Preventing Adverse Drug Events in Elders
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. 23rd National Conference.
June 30-July 1, 2008. National Harbor, Maryland.

Assessing the 3 D's: Dementia, Depression and Delirium. American Association of Nurse Assessment
Coordinators. February 21-22, 2008. Baltimore, Maryland

Identification and Management of Mild Cognitive Impairment
Confused by Confusion? Alzheimer's, Vascular, Lewy Body, and Parkinson's Dementias
Preventing Adverse Drug Events in Elders
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. 21st National Conference. June 21, 2006. Grapevine, Texas

Post-Menopausal Mental Pause: Aging Memory Normal or Not?
Depression in Elders: Recognition and Effective Treatment.
Nurse Practitioner Associates for Continuing Education: National Women's Health/Pharmacology
Update. June 18, 2006. Paradise Island, Bahamas

The Diagnosis and Treatment of Mild to Moderate Alzheimer's Disease. National Conference for Nurse
Practitioners and Acute Care Clinicians. May 19, 2006. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Confused about Confusion? Alzheimer's Disease and Atypical Dementias.
Antipsychotic Therapy in Elders.
Contemporary Forums Psychiatric Nursing Update. May 3, 2006. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Mild Cognitive Impairment/Alzheimer's Disease Update. Nurse Practitioner Associates for Continuing Education.
Southeast National Primary Care Conference with Older Adult Track. April 26, 2006. Orlando, Florida



Preventing Adverse Drug Reactions in Elders. Nurse Practitioner Associates for Continuing Education: Northeast Conference. November 3, 2005. Boston, Massachusetts

Geriatric Syndromes and Alzheimer's Disease Update. Nurse Practitioner Associates for Continuing Education Women's Health and Pharmacology Conference. June 29, 2005. Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Assessment and Prevention of Memory Loss and Assessment and Management of Geriatric Syndromes. 20th National Conference for Nurse Practitioners. American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. June 19-20, 2005. Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Depression in the Elderly and Agitation in Dementia. Nurse Practitioner Associates for Continuing Education. Southeast National Advanced Practice Conference. April 15, 2005. Orlando, Florida

The Janssen Eldercare/Embryon Family Caregivers Program. American Society on Aging, American Council on Aging Annual Meeting. March 11, 2005. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Confused by Confusion: Alzheimer's, Atypical Dementias and More. Nurse Practitioner Associates for Continuing Education Winter Getaway. February 28, 2005. Uncasville, Connecticut

My Fading Memory: Normal or Not? Nurse Practitioner Associates for Continuing Education. Boston National Advanced Practice Conference. December 6, 2004. Boston, Massachusetts

Management of Alzheimer's Disease: 2004 Update. American College of Nurse Practitioners National Conference. October 21, 2004. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Depression in the Elderly. Nurse Practitioner Associates for Continuing Education. National Advanced Practice Conference. September 30, 2004. Chicago, Illinois

Marketing to the Needs of NPs and PAs in Geriatrics. Center for Business Intelligence. Seminar for Pharmaceutical Corporations. July 30, 2004. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Alzheimer's Disease and Geriatric Syndromes. NPACE Primary Care of the Older Adult Conference. July 17, 2003. Hyannis, Massachusetts

My Fading Memory: Normal or Not? Association for the Health Care of Women and Neonatal Nurses
June 28, 2004. Tampa, Florida

Osteoporosis/Preventing Falls and Fractures.

Preventing Adverse Drug Reactions in Seniors.

Fifth Annual U.S. Geriatric & Long-Term Care Congress. June 27, 2004. Orlando, Florida

Alzheimer's Disease Update.

Pharmacological Management of Problem Behaviors.

Geriatric Depression.

Drexel University Gerontological/Psychiatric Nurse Update. May 21, 2004. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Alzheimer's Disease Update.

Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment Workshop.

Nurse Practitioner Associates for Continuing Education Annual National Women's Health Pharmacology Conference. May 18, 2004. Paradise Island, Bahamas

Managing Alzheimer's Disease in Long Term Care. Assisted Living Federation of America National Meeting. May 6, 2004. Chicago, Illinois

Alzheimer's Disease in Long Term Care and Delirium, Dementia and Depression. American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinators. April 15-16, 2004. Atlantic City, New Jersey



- Geriatric Syndromes: Pieces of a Puzzle.
Current Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease.
Nurse Practitioner Associate for Continuing Education National Advanced Practice Conference for Nurse Practitioners. November 6, 2003. Boston, Massachusetts
- Alzheimer's Disease: 2003 Update. American College of Nurse Practitioners National Conference (ACNP).
November 2, 2003. Cincinnati, Ohio
- Assessing Cognitive Status. American Society on Aging 6th International Conference on Care Management
October 27, 2003. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Assessment and Management of Alzheimer's Disease.
Osteoporosis Update.
Nurse Practitioner Associates for Continuing Education (NPACE)
National Advanced Practice Conference for Nurse Practitioners
October 3, 2003. Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Remission of Depression in the Elderly. With William M. ... MD of Emory University.
National Conference of Gerontological Nurse Practitioners: Annual Meeting.
GMR Group, September 18, 2003. West Palm Beach, Florida
- Pharmacological Management of Alzheimer's Disease.
Common Geriatric Syndromes.
Managing Depression in the Elderly.
NPACE Primary Care of the Older Adult Conference. July 19, 2003. Hyannis, Massachusetts
- Managing the Geriatric Patient with Multiple Pathologies. American Academy of Nurse Practitioners 18th Annual
National Conference. July 1, 2003. Anaheim, California
- Women and Alzheimer's Disease: Victims and Caregivers. Association of Women's Health, OB, Neonatal Nurses
2003 Convention. June 2, 2003. Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Healthy Aging: For Our Patients and Ourselves.
- Management of Alzheimer's Disease.
NPACE National Women's Health Care Conference.
May 31, 2003. New Orleans, Louisiana
- Management Strategies in Alzheimer's Disease. NPACE Winter Getaways.
February 28, 2003. Uncasville, Connecticut
January 13, 2003. Bretten Woods, New Hampshire
- Pharmacological Management of Alzheimer's Disease. NPACE National Nurse Practitioner Conference.
November 16, 2002. Boston, Massachusetts
- Geriatric Assessment: User-Friendly Tools for All Nurse Practitioners. 27th Nurse Practitioner Symposium.
July 14, 2002. Keystone, Colorado
- Gerontology Board Game: Effects on Geriatric Attitudes of Residents and Medical
Students. With Carl Tyler MD and Clint Snyder PhD of Case Western Reserve University.
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine 29th Annual Spring Conference. April 28, 1996.
San Francisco, California
- Implementation of a Longitudinal Experience to Teach Residents Home Care. 26th Annual Spring Conference.
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine. April 24-28, 1993. San Diego, California
- Medicine's Funniest Home Videos: Teaching the Home Enc Eleventh Forum for Behavioral Sciences in
Family Medicine. September 24, 1990. Chicago, Illinois



And the Nurse Teaches the Doc. First National Conference of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. June 3, 1989. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Narrowing the Academic Geriatric Gap: The Geriatric Nurse Practitioner as Educator. 22nd Annual Spring Conference. Society of Teachers of Family Medicine. May 2, 1989. Denver, Colorado

Effects of Reality Orientation on Cognitive, Functional Status and Depression. 38th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. November 23, 1985. New Orleans, Louisiana

CONSUMER PRESENTATIONS:

Caring for You Loved One with Alzheimer's Disease: An Overview of the Disease and Current Treatments
IntraMed Educational Group, New York, NY

- April 14, 2009 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- April 1, 2009 Whitehall, Pennsylvania
- March 25, 2009 Rush City, Minnesota
- March 24, 2009 Rochester, Minnesota
- March 9, 2009 Williamsport, Pennsylvania
- January 28, 2009 Lehighton, Pennsylvania
- December 8, 2008 Fargo, North Dakota
- November 19, 2008 Rydal, Pennsylvania
- November 18, 2009 Plains, Pennsylvania
- November 17, 2009 Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania
- October 22, 2008 Cherry Hill, New Jersey
- October 7, 2008 Southampton, Pennsylvania
- October 2, 2008 Lebanon, Pennsylvania
- September 9, 2008 Allentown, Pennsylvania
- August 14, 2008 Johnstown, Pennsylvania
- August 12, 2008 Latrobe, Pennsylvania
- July 24, 2008 Pittston, Pennsylvania
- July 23, 2008 Allentown, Pennsylvania
- June 19, 2008 Haverford, Pennsylvania
- May 21, 2008 Johnstown, Pennsylvania
- April 23, 2008 Johnstown, Pennsylvania
- March 19, 2008 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- January 15, 2008 Washington, Pennsylvania
- January 16, 2008 Allentown, Pennsylvania
- November 13, 2007 Lebanon, Pennsylvania
- September 25, 2007 Williamsport, Pennsylvania
- August 14, 2007 Portland, Oregon
- August 7, 2007 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- March 13, 2007 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- May 22, 2007 Oakmont, Pennsylvania
- March 15, 2007 Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
- March 12, 2007 Whitehall, Pennsylvania
- February 5, 2007 Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Assisted Living Family Caregiver Presentations. Embryon Inc. Somerville, New Jersey

- November 16, 2005 Enumclaw, Washington
- November 15, 2005 Seattle, Washington
- November 14, 2005 Sioux City, Iowa
- November 9, 2005 Butler, Pennsylvania
- November 8, 2005 Washington, District of Columbia
- October 26, 2005 Vancouver, Washington



- October 25, 2005 Longview, Washington
- October 20, 2005 Spartanburg, South Carolina
- October 18, 2005 Sligo, Pennsylvania
- October 13, 2005 Greenville, South Carolina
- October 11, 2005 Maplewood, Minnesota
- October 10, 2005 Saint Paul, Minnesota
- October 17, 2005 Brockport, New York
- September 20, 2005 Warrenton, Virginia
- September 7, 2005 Fredonia, New York
- November 9, 2004 Desoto, Texas
- October 26, 2004 Scranton, Pennsylvania
- October 20, 2004 Cleveland Heights, Ohio
- October 5, 2004 Alexandria, Virginia
- September 21, 2004 Gastonia, North Carolina
- September 9, 2004 Dallas, Texas
- September 8, 2004 North Charleston, South Carolina
- August 18, 2004 Beachwood Heights, Ohio
- July 27, 2004 Sewell, New Jersey
- July 14, 2004 Plano, Texas
- June 29, 2004 Allentown, Pennsylvania
- June 22, 2004 Monroeville, Pennsylvania
- June 15, 2004 Chapin, South Carolina
- May 11, 2004 Greenville, South Carolina
- May 4, 2004 Knoxville, Tennessee

REGIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Mild to Moderate Alzheimer's Dementia Patients in Long Term Care

- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania May 28, 2009
- King of Prussia, Pennsylvania May 27, 2009

Capital Nurse Practitioner Conference

- Preventing Adverse Drug Events in the Elderly
- Geriatric Depression and Primary Care Co-morbidities
Albany, New York March 21, 2009

Treating Alzheimer's Disease in Long-Term Care

- Altoona, Pennsylvania June 2, 2009
- Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania May 20, 2009
- Grand Forks, North Dakota May 13, 2009
- Wyomissing, Pennsylvania April 27, 2009
- Whitehall, Pennsylvania April 1, 2009
- Rush City, Minnesota March 25, 2009
- Blaine, Minnesota March 24, 2009
- Williamsport, Pennsylvania March 5, 2009
- Grand Forks, North Dakota December 10, 2008
- Fargo, North Dakota December 9, 2008
- Fargo, North Dakota December 8, 2008
- Center Valley, Pennsylvania November 13, 2008
- Lehighton, Pennsylvania November 10, 2008
- Greensburg, Pennsylvania October 17, 2008
- Greensburg, Pennsylvania October 16, 2008
- Leesport, Pennsylvania October 6, 2008
- Lebanon, Pennsylvania October 2, 2008
- Sioux Falls, South Dakota September 17, 2008



Altoona, Pennsylvania	August 18, 2008
• Latrobe, Pennsylvania	August 12, 2008
• White Plains, New York	July 22, 2008
• Moscow, Pennsylvania	July 17, 2008
• Leesport, Pennsylvania	June 5, 2008
• Bethlehem, Pennsylvania	May 29, 2008
• Bangor, Pennsylvania	April 30, 2008
• Ebensburg, Pennsylvania	April 17, 2008
• Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	March 19, 2008
• Hanover, Pennsylvania	March 13, 2008
• Lehighton, Pennsylvania	February 27, 2008
• Warren, Ohio	February 19, 2008
• Nazareth, Pennsylvania	January 30, 2008
• Washington, Pennsylvania	January 16, 2008
• Washington, Pennsylvania	January 15, 2008
• Camp Hill, Pennsylvania	December 20, 2007
• Leesport, Pennsylvania	December 18, 2007
• Camp Hill, Pennsylvania	December 14, 2007
• Pottsville, Pennsylvania	December 11, 2007
• Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	November 29, 2007
• Easton, Pennsylvania	November 14, 2007
• Lebanon, Pennsylvania	November 13, 2007
• Shillington, Pennsylvania	November 5, 2007
• Phoenixville, Pennsylvania	November 2, 2007
• Williamsport, Pennsylvania	September 25, 2007
• Danville, Pennsylvania	September 10, 2007
• Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	August 16, 2007
• Chatham, Pennsylvania	July 11, 2007
• Scranton, Pennsylvania	March 26, 2007
• Bethlehem, Pennsylvania	March 15, 2007
• New Orleans, Louisiana	March 1, 2007

Overview of Depression and Anxiety in Long-Term Care

• Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	March 12, 2009
• Center Valley, Pennsylvania	November 13, 2008
• White Plains, New York	July 22, 2008
• Altoona, Pennsylvania	August 19, 2008
• Altoona, Pennsylvania	August 18, 2008
• Lebanon, Pennsylvania	June 4, 2008
• Bangor, Pennsylvania	April 30, 2008
• Twinsburg, Ohio	April 25, 2008
• Altoona, Pennsylvania	April 24, 2008
• Johnstown, Pennsylvania	April 23, 2008
• Leesport, Pennsylvania	January 17, 2008
• Washington, Pennsylvania	April 22, 2008

Considerations for Selecting Optimal First Line Treatment for Depression and Generalized Anxiety Disorder

• Johnstown, Pennsylvania	April 16, 2008
• New Castle, Pennsylvania	January 10, 2008
• Carlisle, Pennsylvania	April 29, 2008
• Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania	April 24, 2008
• Ebensburg, Pennsylvania	April 18, 2008
• Johnstown, Pennsylvania	April 16, 2008
• Greensburg, Pennsylvania	November 28, 2007
• Bellefonte, Pennsylvania	November 8, 2007
• Vancouver, Washington	August 15, 2007



- Oregon City, Oregon August 14, 2007
- Zelenople, Pennsylvania March 8, 2007

Similarities and Differences among SRIs for the Treatment of Depression and Anxiety Disorders

- Maple Grove, Minnesota February 10, 2009
- Altoona, Pennsylvania April 16, 2008
- Greensburg, Pennsylvania November 28, 2007
- Ebensburg, Pennsylvania July 16, 2007
- Eden Prairie, Minnesota June 28, 2007
- Uniontown, Pennsylvania April 24, 2007
- Allison Park, Pennsylvania April 23, 2007
- Monroeville, Pennsylvania April 12, 2007
- Monongahela, Pennsylvania March 9, 2007
- Clairton, Pennsylvania March 9, 2007
- Greensburg, Pennsylvania March 8, 2007
- Greensburg, Pennsylvania March 7, 2007
- New Wilmington, Pennsylvania March 7, 2007
- Oakmont, Pennsylvania February 27, 2007
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania February 27, 2007
- Minneapolis, Minnesota January 10, 2007
- Croton Falls, New York November 1, 2006
- Enola, Pennsylvania October 26, 2006
- Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania October 18, 2006
- Williamsport, Pennsylvania September 14, 2006
- Lititz, Pennsylvania July 11, 2006
- Roanoke, Virginia April 6, 2006
- Minneapolis, Minnesota March 8, 2006
- Minneapolis, Minnesota March 7, 2006

Managing Severe Depression in Long-Term Care with Lexapro: A Case Study Approach

- Fargo, North Dakota May 12, 2009
- Lisbon, North Dakota May 11, 2009
- Grand Forks, North Dakota May 11, 2009
- Feasterville, Pennsylvania March 3, 2009
- Greensburg, Pennsylvania October 17, 2008
- Latrobe, Pennsylvania August 12, 2009
- Washington, Pennsylvania April 22, 2008
- Ebensburg, Pennsylvania April 17, 2008
- Davenport, Iowa December 4, 2007
- Cedar Rapids, Iowa December 3, 2007
- Lancaster, Pennsylvania October 10, 2007
- Mankato, Minnesota June 28, 2007
- Bloomington, Minnesota March 28, 2007
- Poughkeepsie, New York March 27, 2007
- Middletown, New York March 20, 2007

Long-Term Care Presentation: Changing the Treatment Paradigm for Alzheimer's Disease in LTC

- Coralville, Iowa December 3, 2007
- Bellefonte, Pennsylvania November 9, 2007
- Pittston, Pennsylvania November 7, 2007
- Forest City, Pennsylvania October 25, 2007
- Indiana, Pennsylvania October 19, 2007
- Carlisle, Pennsylvania October 18, 2007
- Lancaster, Pennsylvania October 10, 2007



- State College, Pennsylvania August 8, 2007
- Bloomington, Minnesota March 28, 2007
- Poughkeepsie, New York March 27, 2007
- Alden, New York March 21, 2007
- Middletown, New York March 20, 2007
- Syracuse, New York February 22, 2007
- Cooperstown, New York November 2, 2006
- Middletown, New York September 19, 2006
- Cooperstown, New York April 12, 2006
- York, Pennsylvania August 9, 2006
- Roanoke, Virginia April 6, 2006.
- Roseville, Minnesota March 8, 2006
- Eden Prairie, Minnesota March 7, 2006
- Las Vegas, Nevada March 1, 2006
- Rockville, Maryland February 21, 2006
- Eden Prairie, Minnesota June 28, 2006
- Eden Prairie, Minnesota June 7, 2006
- St. Paul, Minnesota October 7, 2004
- Minneapolis, Minnesota October 6, 2004

Neurology/Psychiatry Presentation: From Pathology to Practice: Namenda for the Treatment of Moderate to Severe Alzheimer's Disease

- Greensburg, Pennsylvania November 29, 2007
- Wappinger Falls, New York December 7, 2006

Co-morbidities of Anxiety and Depressive Disorders: Issues in Diagnosis and Treatment

- Rydal, Pennsylvania November 19, 2008
- Bethlehem, Pennsylvania November 27, 2007
- Williamsport, Pennsylvania November 6, 2007
- Ambler, Pennsylvania July 31, 2007
- Syracuse, New York May 30, 2007
- Chaska, Minnesota January 10, 2007
- Iowa City, Iowa January 9, 2007
- Fishkill, New York November 15, 2006
- Wayzata, Minnesota June 28, 2006
- Wayzata, Minnesota June 7, 2006
- Highland Mills, New York May 8, 2006

Confused by Confusion: Alzheimer's Disease and Atypical Dementias

- South Carolina Nurses' Association. Annual Meeting. October 4, 2007. Hilton Head, South Carolina
- NP Association, New York State. 22nd Annual Convention. October 8, 2006. Verona, New York

Depression in Clients & Caregivers. NEPA End of Life Coalition
2007 Conference. May 17, 2007. Pittston, Pennsylvania

Differentiating the Three D's: Depression, Delirium or Dementia.
Primary Care Nurse Practitioners of Pennsylvania
4th Annual Conference. November 4, 2006. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Psychosis in the Elderly

The Twelfth Annual Advanced Practice Nurse's Conference. Carolina Nurses' Association
Charleston, South Carolina. February 23, 2006

The Diagnosis and Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease

- Dallas, Pennsylvania August 7, 2006
- Orangeburg, South Carolina December 5, 2005



- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania September 1, 2005
- Old Forge, Pennsylvania October 4, 2005
- Atlanta, Georgia August 9, 2005

Geriatric Syndromes. 18th Regional Conference Toward Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing.
Covington, Kentucky. April 26, 2006.

Psychosis in Long Term Care Elders

- St. Paul, Minnesota November 30, 2005
- St. Paul, Minnesota November 29, 2005
- Huntington Valley, Pennsylvania June 10, 2005
- Yardley, Pennsylvania May 26, 2005
- Lakewood, Colorado May 25, 2005
- Greensboro, North Carolina November 11, 2004
- Dunmore, Pennsylvania October 15, 2001

Management of Alzheimer's Disease. Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. November 11, 2005

Antipsychotic Medications in Elders

Assessing the 3 D's: Dementia, Depression, Delirium
Nurse Practitioners of New York State Association
Lake George, New York. October 22-23, 2005

Management of Alzheimer's Disease and Depression in Long Term Care

- October 19, 2005 Glenview, Illinois
- September 16, 2005 Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- June 9, 2005 Frankfort, Illinois
- March 30, 2005 Madison, Wisconsin

Alzheimer's Disease: Underdiagnosed and Undertreated in Assisted Living
Georgia Assisted Living Facility Association. Atlanta, Georgia. October 12, 2005.

Management of Alzheimer's Disease in Long Term Care

- October 11, 2005 Columbia Heights, Minnesota
- October 10, 2005 St. Paul, Minnesota
- August 4, 2005 Erie, Pennsylvania
- July 8, 2005 Boulder, Colorado
- June 2, 2005 Albuquerque, New Mexico
- May 24, 2005 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- October 28, 2004 Mankato, Minnesota
- February 25, 2003 Atlanta, Georgia
- November 8, 2002 Scranton, Pennsylvania

Depression and the Elderly

Alzheimer's Update St. Anselm University: Psychiatric Nursing Conference.
Kennebunkport Maine. October 6, 2005.

Assessment and Management of Alzheimer's Disease

- October 10, 2005 St. Paul, Minnesota
- November 1, 2004 Care Providers of Minnesota. Annual Conference. Minneapolis, Minnesota
- June 10, 2004 Nurse Practitioners of the Greater Reading Region. Reading, Pennsylvania
- April 7, 2004 High Point, North Carolina
- April 6, 2004 High Point, North Carolina
- August 14, 2001 Waverly, Pennsylvania
- June 14, 2001 Harvey's Lake, Pennsylvania



- Confused About Confusion: Atypical Dementias
Management of Moderate to Severe Alzheimer's Disease
September 15, 2005. St. Anselm University. Gerontology Nursing Conference. Kennebunkport, Maine
- Alzheimer's Disease in Primary Care
July 13, 2005. Tucson, Arizona
- Recognition and Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease
June 17, 2005 Monroe County Department of Aging and MR. East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania
- Depression and Anxiety in Long Term Care
June 7, 2005 Southwestern Pennsylvania Directors of Nursing Association. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Assessment of Dementia, Depression, Delirium and Management of Alzheimer's Disease
May 20, 2005 Ohio Nurse Assessment Coordinators. Columbus, Ohio
- My Fading Memory: Normal or Not?
April 13, 2005 Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of Nurse Practitioners (MARC)
Annual Meeting. College Park, MD.
- Management of Alzheimer's Disease in Long Term Care
- April 7, 2005 Hershey, Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Directors of Nursing Association
 - October 24, 2002 Manor Care, Williamsport, Pennsylvania
 - March 11, 2004 Columbus, Georgia
 - March 10, 2004 Valdosta, Georgia
 - March 9, 2004 Ever Care, Atlanta, Georgia
 - November 5, 2002 Manor Care and VAMC. Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
- Geropsychiatric Assessment and Alzheimer's Disease
February 19, 2005 University of St. Francis College of Nursing & Allied Health
Joliet, Illinois
- Diagnosis and Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease
- December 15, 2004 Maine Nurse Practitioners Association. Lewistown, Maine
 - May 24, 2004 Herrin, Illinois
- Diagnosis and Treatment of Mild to Moderate Alzheimer's Disease
- October 28, 2004 Nurse Practitioners of Western Minnesota. Moorhead, Minnesota
 - September 14, 2004 Nurse Practitioners of Long Island. Smithtown, New York
 - August 21, 2003 Phamerica. Tuscaloosa, Alabama
 - August 31, 2004 Community Medical Center Grand Rounds. Scranton, Pennsylvania
- Falls and Fractures in Long Term Care
September 14, 2004 Neighbor Care. Parkville, Maryland
- Alzheimer's Management for the Long-Term Care Pharmacy Provider
- October 28, 2004 Omni Care of Minnesota. Minneapolis, Minnesota
 - July 29, 2004 Omni Care. Greensboro, North Carolina
- Geriatric Assessment
June 30, 2004 Marywood University Depts. of Gerontology and Continuing Education.
Scranton, Pennsylvania
- Keynote Presentation: Alzheimer's Disease: Easing the Journey
May 25, 2004 Southern Illinois University Gerontology Conference. Carbondale, Illinois



Behaviors and Agitation in Long Term Care

- October 14, 2004 Omnicare. Lynchburg, Virginia.
- May 7, 2004 Washington County Health Center, Pennsylvania
- May 7, 2004 Evergreen Nursing Home. Harmony, Pennsylvania
- April 5, 2004 Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina
- October 8, 2002 Omnicare Pharmacies of Georgia. Conyers, Georgia

Geropsychiatric Assessment

April 22, 2004 Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of Nurse Practitioners. College Park Maryland

Preventing Falls and Fractures in Long Term Care

Agitation and Psychosis in Long Term Care

Managing Urinary Incontinence in your Long Term Care Facility

April 20, 2004 Central Pennsylvania Educational Resources, Inc. State College, Pennsylvania

Safe Psychopharmacology in Seniors

April 19, 2004 New Jersey Association of Directors of Nurses Association. Atlantic City, New Jersey

Preventing Falls and Fractures

April 13, 2004 Pennsylvania Dept. of MH/MR/Drexel University. Building Bridges Aging Conference. Grantville, Pennsylvania

Alzheimer's Disease Update

March 18, 2004 Advance Practice Nurse Update: Delaware Nurses' Association Wilmington, Delaware
February 28, 2004 NPACE Winter Getaway, Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, Connecticut

Geriatric Syndromes

January 11, 2004 NPACE Winter Getaway. Bretten Woods, New Hampshire

Psychiatric Disorders in Residential Facilities

- May 10, 2005 Pennsylvania Dept. of Aging and MR. Grantville, Pennsylvania
- December 2, 2003 Anchor Pharmacy. Westminster, Maryland
- September 25, 2003 Brema Pharmacy. Richmond, Virginia
- September 26, 2003 Brema Pharmacy. Portsmouth, Virginia
- June 20, 2002 Marywood University. Scranton, Pennsylvania

Assessing Dementia, Depression and Delirium: Management of Alzheimer's Disease

November 11, 2003 Central Pennsylvania Educational Resource Institute (CPERI)
State College, Pennsylvania

Depression in the Elderly

November 8, 2003 Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners Annual Conference.
State College, Pennsylvania

Infection Control in Long Term Care

June 13, 2003 Neighbor Care. Hershey, Pennsylvania
June 5, 2003 Neighbor Care. Atlantic City, New Jersey

Elder Depression and Health Regression Healthy Aging in the Older Woman

May 22, 2003 Albert Einstein Health Care System Gerontological/Psychiatric Nurse Update.
Drexel University. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Osteoporosis in the Long Term Setting

May 20, 2003 Christiana, Delaware

Assessment and Management of AD

Caregiver Management: When to Call the Doctor

May 16, 2003 Enhancing the Quality of Life for Elders Conference
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois



- Assessing the 3 Ds: Dementia, Depression and Delirium
 April 7, 2003 Intergeneration Care giving Conference
 West Chester University, West Chester, Pennsylvania
- Preventing Falls and Fractures
 October 14, 2002 Harbor Health Care System, Neighbor Care. Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.
- Cholinesterase Inhibitors in Dementia
 September 25, 2002. Mid Valley Hospital Medical Staff. Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.
 September 24, 2002 Nurse Practitioners of NEPA. Pittston, Pennsylvania
- Dual Diagnosis in Elders
 June 18, 2002 Carbon-Monroe-Pike MH/MR. Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania
- Assessing Cognitive Status. Preventing Falls and Fractures. Managing Alzheimer's Disease
 May 23-24, 2002 Gerontological Nurse Update. Medical College of Pennsylvania/
 Hahnemann University. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Gerontological Nurse National Certification Review (2-day workshop)
 May 20-21, 2002 MCP/Hahnemann University. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2002 Update: Cognitive, Emotional and Behavioral Problems in the Elderly
 May 15, 2002 Allied Services Skilled Nursing Facility. Scranton, Pennsylvania
- Assessing Dementia and Behavioral Strategies for Nurses
 Preventing Falls and Fractures for Home Care Nurses
 April 26, 2002 Home Health Care Professionals, Carbondale, Pennsylvania
 May 4, 2001
- Interactive Game/Case Study: Behavioral Problems in the Elderly
 March 7, 2002 Nurse Practitioners of Northeast Pennsylvania
 Glenburn, Pennsylvania
- Pharmacological Management of Alzheimer's Disease
 March 22, 2002 Advanced Practice Nurse Update. DNA. Wilmington, Delaware
- Assessing Cognitive Status
- October 10, 2001 West Pittston, Pennsylvania
 - May 22, 2001 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
 - February 18, 1998 Scranton, Pennsylvania
- Difficult Behaviors: Help is on the Way. With Bev Jones III MD of Wake Forest University
 May 18, 2001 Carolina Piedmont Alzheimer's Association. Winston-Salem, North Carolina
- Wanted: Geriatric Nurses for the 21st Century. Zeta Psi, Sigma Theta Tau.
 September 15, 2001 Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
- Assessing the 3 D's: Dementia, Depression, Delirium
 Long Term Care Association of Northeast Pennsylvania
 Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. November 20, 2001
 Mercy Hospital Scranton, Pennsylvania. August 22, 2001.
- Geriatric Assessment: An Underutilized Power Tool
 April 11, 2001 Nurse Practitioners of NEPA Primary Care Update
 University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania
- Geriatric Education Across Disciplines. With Richard Ham MD, Terry Fulmer PhD and Neil Hall MD.



- November 15, 2000 Senior Care Marketplace 2000. HealthCare Information Provider. Syracuse, New York
- Geriatric Education: The Key to Innovation and Success
June 14, 2000. Gerontology Institute. Marywood University. Scranton, Pennsylvania
- Functional Assessment for Acute Care Nurses
May 9, 2000 Mercy Health Partners and Sigma Theta Tau, College Misericordia
Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
- Prescribing for the Elderly
April 19, 2000 with Nicole Sparano PharmD.
Nurse Practitioners of NEPA Primary Care Update. Marywood University.
Scranton, Pennsylvania
- Nurse Practitioners as Faculty Members in a Family Practice Residency
October 3, 1992 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- Effects of Reality Orientation and Validation Therapy on Mental and Functional Status and Depression
March 30, 1989 Sigma Theta Tau. Danville, Pennsylvania

PUBLICATIONS

- Elder Care GeriScan Quote. In Woman's Advantage Business Calendar. By Mary Cantando.
Featured on www.womenentrepreneur.com
- The Older Postmenopausal Woman. Book Chapter. In Susan A. Orshan. Maternity,
Newborn and Women's Health Nursing. Lippincott, Williams, and Wilkins. 2008.
- Common Geriatric Syndromes. Advance for Nurse Practitioners. January 2005.
- Detecting Signs of Depression. Nursing Assistant Monthly. 2005. 10(11) 1-2.
- A 71-Year-Old Man with Fever, Cough, Chest Pain, and Dyspnea: Case Presentation. With Charlene Morris PA-C.
Postgraduate Institute for Medicine. Supplement to Clinician Reviews. February, 2004.
- The Wyeth Senior Care Trend Report. Contributing Consultant. Kikaku America Int. Washington DC. 2003.
- Alzheimer's Disease Nursing Monograph Series. Assessment of Alzheimer's.
Contributing Author. Oxford Institute of Continuing Education. Newtown, PA. 2002.
- Work Life Today (National Institute of Business Management Newsletter)
June 2001. Employees who live with Alzheimer's patient have special needs.
Article selected for "The Best of Work/Life Today" publication.
- Reality Orientation and Validation Therapy: Do Dementia, Depression and Functional
Status Change? Journal of Gerontological Nursing, 1993; 19(6), 7-11.
- And the Nurse Teaches the Doc. Journal of the American Academy of Nurse
Practitioners, 1990; 2(4), 174-177.
- Policy of Pairing Patients with Different Cognitive Skills in the Same Room in a Nursing
Home. Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, 1984; 32(5), 409.



MEDIA

WBRE TV in Wilkes-Barre-Scranton PA

Newsmakers. Caregiving in Alzheimer's Disease. Co-presented with Judith Seroska, RN
Half-hour program televised November 18, 2007

KEDO 1400 in Longview WA

Half-hour radio segment aired live October 25, 2005
Caregivers and Alzheimer's Disease

CNS Long Term Care. Spring 2005 issue. Aggressive Behavior Costly in Nursing Homes.

Video: Agitated Behavior in Dementia

Filmed December 19, 2003. Co-presenter with Manju Beier PharmD and Joel Streim MD
Health Science Communications, New York, NY

WALE 990 AM in Providence, RI

KFNX 1100 AM in Phoenix, AZ

Aired live March 18, 2003
One-hour radio interview with Mimi Secor, CRNP, MSN
Topic: Healthy Aging in Women.

WNEP News (ABC local affiliate) Scranton, PA

Televised segment aired November 8, 2002 5PM News.
Identifying Early Alzheimer's Disease in Family Members.

Eli's Senior Housing Report

October 24, 2001 Innovative Systems Streamline Alzheimer's Care

Long Term Care Review/Survey Alert by Eli Research

- May, 2002 Paranoid Delusions in Alzheimer's Disease
- October, 2001 Depression Screening
- March, 2001 Geropsychiatric Specialist Shortage and Polypharmacy
- February 18, 2001 Innovative Approaches to Alzheimer's Disease

Indianapolis Star

February 18, 2001 New Approach to Alzheimer's Lets Patients Live Their Reality

Web RN on Web MD website

- September 26, 2000 End of Life Issues
- August 2, 2000 Medications for Elderly
- August 1, 2000 Nursing Home Staffing
- June 30, 2000 Senior Care HMOs

2000-2005. Media Guide to Health Care Experts, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing
Listed Expert in Gerontology, Geriatric Depression, Alzheimer's Disease, and Nursing Home Care.

An Apple a Day Channel 44 Public Broadcasts, Pittston, Pennsylvania. Aired February 27, 1990

Home Safety for the Elderly. Aired October 16 & 17, 1991
Role of the Nurse Practitioner. With Barbara Sheer, DNS, CRNP

REVIEWS/EDITORIAL

Geriatric Reviewer. Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. 1992-1996



RESEARCH

The Gerontopoly Board Game: Effects on Geriatric Attitudes of Residents and Medical Students.
Chief investigator with co-investigators Carl Tyler MD and Clint Snyder PhD. 1995-1996.

Effects of Reality Orientation vs. Validation Therapy on Mental and Functional Status and Depression.
Chief Investigator with Linda Emershaw RN, co-investigator.
Veterans Administration Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, 1983-1985.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS/ASSIGNMENTS

Binghamton University (SUNY)

1999-2003 Clinical Instructor, Nurse Practitioner Programs,

Penn State University College of Medicine, Hershey, Pennsylvania

1994-1999 Adjunct Clinical Instructor of Family and Community Medicine

College Misericordia, Dallas, Pennsylvania, Nurse Practitioner Program

1995-1997 Clinical Preceptor

Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, Nurse Practitioner Program

1991-1992 Clinical Preceptor

State University of New York, Binghamton, New York, Nurse Practitioner Program

AWARDS AND HONORS

2005 National Speakers Association

2005 Top 25 Women in Business in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Northeast PA Business Journal. June 22, 2005.

2004 Northeast Woman of the Week. Scranton Times, September 12, 2004.

2002 National Register's Who's Who

2002 Member, International Executive Guild

2002 Life Member of Kingston's National Registry of Who's Who

2001 Fellow, Kresge Center for Nursing Research Decker School of Nursing

1999 International Who's Who of Professional and Business Women

ADVISORY BOARD ACTIVITIES

Forest Laboratories. Lexapro Nurse Practitioner Speakers Bureau Planning Consultant and Presenter.
Santa Monica, California. 2007.

Eisai-Pfizer. Long Term Care Advisory Board. New York City, New York.
January 25-26, 2006

Ortho McNeil. Co-Chairperson. Neurological Connections: Alzheimer's Section.
Dallas, Texas. December 15-16, 2005

Forest Laboratories. Chairperson. Geriatric Nurse Practitioners and Memantine
Across Clinical Settings. National Conference of Gerontological Nurse Practitioners. Phoenix, Arizona. September 28,
2004

Forest Laboratories. Long Term Care Advisory Groups.
May 2004-Present

PPSI International/Pfizer. Behavior Directed Care Advisory Panel.
May 2003-Present.

PPSI International/Pfizer. Post-Herpetic Neuralgia
Florham Park, New Jersey, December 4-5, 2003

Janssen/Johnson & Johnson. Long Term Care.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. June 9-10, 2003

Embryon, Inc. /Janssen.

Chairperson: Managing the Geriatric Patient in Assisted Living Facilities. Orlando, Florida. March 12-13, 2003



MEMBERSHIPS

- National Speakers Association (2005)
- American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (2003)
- American Geriatrics Society (1997)
- National Conference of Gerontological Nurse Practitioners (1995)
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (1985)
- Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing Zeta Psi Chapter (1984)

CONTINUING EDUCATION (past 5 years only)

International Prevention of Dementia Conference. Alzheimer's Association.
June 9-12, 2007. Washington DC. (11.5 CME)

Bloomsburg University Department of Nursing. End of Life Issues.
May 17, 2007. Pittston, Pennsylvania (6.0 CE)

American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry. Annual Meeting.
March 1-4, 2007 New Orleans, Louisiana (20.0 CME)

Fourth Annual Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners Conference.
November 3-4, 2006. Cranberry PA (3.7 CME)

American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry. Annual Meeting.
March 10-14, 2006. San Juan, Puerto Rico (19.0 CME)

American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry. Annual Meeting.
March 2-6, 2005. San Diego, California (20.0 CME)

American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry. Annual Meeting.
February 21-24, 2004. Baltimore, Maryland. (19.0 CME)

American College of Nurse Practitioners. Annual Conference. October 29-November 2
2003. Cincinnati, Ohio. (3.6 CME)

NeighborCare. Infection Control. June 20, 2003. Hershey, Pennsylvania. (6.0 CME)

Association of Women's Health, OB, Neonatal Nurses. Incontinence, Sexuality,
Anxiety and Mood Disorders. June 1-4, 2003. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (4.8 CME)

NPACE Women's Health Care Conference. May 29- June 1, 2003. New Orleans,
Louisiana. (3.6 CME)

Drexel University Gerontological Nursing 2003. Managing Urinary Incontinence in
LTC. May 21-23, 2003. Philadelphia Pennsylvania. (3.5 CME)

American Society of Clinical Pharmacists. Senior Care Seminar Series Conference.
April 26, 2003. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (4.0 CME)