



## APN CHAIR NEWS



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### Welcome to the Advanced Practice Nursing Chair Program E-News!

**Our mission** is to partner with decision makers to increase Canada's capacity of nurse researchers who will conduct high quality policy relevant health services research in the field of advanced practice nursing (APN).

### E-News

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**Canadian Centre of Excellence in  
Oncology Advanced Practice Nursing  
(OAPN) ... Upcoming Consensus  
Workshop**

In the Spring of 2010, OAPN will be hosting a Consensus Workshop to establish national priorities for promoting the development and integration of APN roles within the Canadian cancer control system.

OAPN has received three years of infrastructure funding from Amgen Canada to develop and establish three parallel but integrated clinical and health services research programs related to:

1. Developing and evaluating new advanced clinical nursing therapies for specific cancer populations and disease or treatment related symptoms
2. New models of APN care and cancer control to address unmet patient health needs and gaps in care delivery
3. Interventions to improve our understanding, development, recruitment, retention and use of APN roles in cancer control

For more information, contact Jennifer Ranford, OAPN Program Coordinator at [gapn@jcc.hhsc.ca](mailto:gapn@jcc.hhsc.ca).

### Awards & Recognition

[Laura Housden](#)

### Welcome New APN Chair Students!

[Tammy Armstrong](#)

[Karen Cook](#)

[Roberta Heale](#)

[Laura Housden](#)

### It's here....The APN Literature Database!

The APN Literature Database is a web-accessible, searchable database of scholarly references (including primary studies, literature reviews, policy documents, theoretical and practice based papers) related to the development, implementation and evaluation of APN roles. It is free to the public via the APN Chair website:

([http://www.apnnursingchair.mcmaster.ca/resources\\_links.html](http://www.apnnursingchair.mcmaster.ca/resources_links.html))

### The Change Foundation Symposium: Bridging the "Know-Do" Gap - How can research be used to influence healthcare decision making and improve practice?

**PEPPA (Participatory Evidence-based Patient-focused Process for APN Role Development, Implementation and Evaluation)** was one of the 11 funded programs invited to participate in the Change Foundation Symposium, which took place on September 23, 2009 in Toronto.

**Denise Bryant-Lukosius**, Director of OAPN and Assistant Professor and Senior Scientist for the CHSRF/CIHR Chair Program in APN hosted one of the 4 presentations in the "KT Challenges and Opportunities: Experiences from the Field" section. A poster presentation on PEPPA was highlighted as well.

### Chair highlights from the Canadian Association of Advanced Practice Nursing (CAAPN) conference, September 30th–October 3rd, St. John's, Newfoundland.

**Practice Patterns of Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioners in Nova Scotia: A Provincial Survey**  
Ruth Martin-Misener, affiliate faculty of the APN Chair program discussed employment patterns and practice activities of primary health care NPs in Nova Scotia. Results of the study indicate that NPs in Nova Scotia are working to their scope of practice.

### Continuing Education for Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioners in Ontario: Survey Results

Faith Donald, affiliate faculty of the APN Chair program discussed continuing education (CE) learning needs of practicing primary health care nurse practitioners (PHCNPs) in Ontario, CE barriers and facilitators, and CE delivery preferences. Overall, CE is an important issue for PHCNPs. Strategies to overcome barriers and support learning needs are multifactorial, requiring systematic planning and evaluation.

### Spotlight on Research

**1. Faith Donald and Ruth Martin-Misener** both affiliate faculty of the APN Chair Program and their research team received funding from Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Partnerships in Health System Improvement (PHSI); Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation; and the British Columbia Ministry of Health Services, Nursing Secretariat, for their research project entitled:

### **Understanding the Individual, Organizational, and System Factors Influencing the Integration of the Nurse Practitioner Role in Long Term Care Settings in Canada**

**2. Faith Donald and Alba DiCenso**, affiliate faculty and APN Chair and their research team received funding from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC), Nursing Secretariat for a systematic review of the scientific literature to determine the economic impact of advanced practice nurses (APNs):

### **A Systematic Review of the Cost-Effectiveness of Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialists**

**3. Ruth Martin-Misener**, affiliate faculty and Terri Crawford from the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia and their research team received funding from Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation and Nursing Care Partnership Fund for their research on models of collaborative practice:

### **Models of Collaborative Practice Involving Nurse Practitioners and Family Physicians in Primary Health Care**

### APN Research Policy Briefs

- [Canadian Nurse Practitioner Job Satisfaction](#)
- [A Measure of Collaboration between Nurse Practitioners and Physicians in Primary Care](#)

### New APN Publications

1. Vohra, J. & Bryant-Lukosius, D. (2009). The advanced practice nursing data collection tool kit: A compendium of research tools. Topics in Advanced Practice Nursing E Journal. October 7, 2009.
2. Murphy, A.L., Martin-Misener, R. Cook, C. Sketris, I. (2009). Administrative claims data analysis of nurse practitioners prescribing for older adults. *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, 65 (10): 2077-2087.
3. van Soeren, M. Hurlock-Chorostecki, C., Goodwin, S. Baker, E. (2009). The primary health care nurse practitioner in Ontario: A workforce study. *Canadian Journal of Nursing Leadership*, 22(2) 2009: 58-72.
4. Kilpatrick, K. 2008. Praxis and the Role Development of the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. *Nursing Inquiry* 15(2): 116-126.

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