



Specialty Practice Resources Guide

From the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing (HIGN) Specialty Practice Initiative...



The Resourcefully Enhancing Aging in Specialty Nursing (REASN) program, an HIGN initiative funded by The Atlantic Philanthropies (USA) Inc., is a collaborative effort with 14 hospital-based specialty nursing associations, representing more than 200,000 nurses, to put the most up-to-date, evidence-based information on care of older adults directly into the hands of specialty nurses. Through these intensive collaborations, HIGN is working with associations to deepen their involvement in improving nursing competencies among their members who care for older adults and to create geriatric educational products and resources that meet specialty practice specific needs.

REASN Resources

All specialty nursing practice resources are accessible at consultgerirn.org/specialty_practice

American Academy of Nursing (AAN)/Expert Panel on Acute and Critical Care/American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN)

AAN and AACN collaboratively developed the online course, *Best Practices for Elder Care*. The self-paced course includes three introductory modules that address care for hospitalized older adults, physiological changes that take place during aging and frameworks for older adult care.

American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE)

AONE is expanding on the *Guiding Principles for the Elder-Friendly Hospital/Facility* through the creation of a virtual toolkit designed specifically for nurse leaders. A geriatric pre-conference will be held at the April 2011 AONE meeting, and two virtual geriatric meetings will be offered in 2011.

American Society for Pain Management Nursing (ASPMN)

ASPMN developed curriculum to prepare hospital nurses to become Geriatric Pain Management Resource Nurses. The ASPMN Geriatric Pain Management Course is a six-hour program presented by two highly qualified Master Faculty. ASPMN has produced an issue for the HIGN *Try This Specialty Practice Series, Assessment of Nociceptive versus Neuropathic Pain in Older Adults*.



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American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPAN)

ASPAN is developing a seven module web course that includes content related to *Common Problems and Age Specific Care of the Older Adult Perianesthesia Patient*, *Risk Factors in Older Adults Undergoing Surgery and Invasive Procedures*, and *Pain and Comfort, Polypharmacy and Medication Reconciliation Considerations in the Perianesthesia Older Adult*.

Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN)

AORN developed a Confidence-Based Learning (CBL) Module, *periOperative Care of the Older Adult*. The course provides guidance to the perioperative nurse in promoting optimal outcomes for the older adult through recognition of the physiological, cognitive/psychosocial and sociological changes associated with aging.

Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)

ENA developed the *Practical Guide to Safer Handoff of Older Adults between Long-Term Care Facilities and Emergency Departments*. This guide provides nurses in emergency departments and long-term care settings, and EMS professionals with tools to ease the development of standardized communication processes that respond to local needs. ENA is currently updating its Geriatric Emergency Nursing Education (GENE) program.

Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA)

HPNA developed the web course series: *Dementia Care: Understanding the Diagnosis, Embracing the Diversity, and Upholding the Dignity at the End of Life*. This online series has a multidimensional approach that is needed for quality care of the patient with end stage dementia.

Infusion Nurses Society (INS)

INS developed a webinar, *Infusion Therapy in the Older Adult*, which focuses on the changes that occur in body systems during the aging process and how these changes impact the provision of infusion therapy in the older adult. Strategies to improve peripheral catheter insertion success are discussed.

National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses (NAON)

NAON developed "Practice Points" with special considerations for older adults. NAON is including a chapter "Special Considerations for the Older Adult" in the seventh edition of the NAON Core Curriculum.

National Nursing Staff Development Organization (NNSDO)

NNSDO is developing a "How To" module for staff development educators to use to infuse content about care of older adults into practice settings. The module will position nurse staff development educators to respond to the needs of individual nurses and to institutional needs for education of groups of nurses in care of older patients.

Oncology Nursing Society (ONS)

ONS is developing a Geriatric Oncology web course including Geriatric Oncology Content and Train the Trainer pedagogical resources to deliver the geriatric oncology content. The geriatric content of the course will focus on the side effects of cancer treatments.

Preventive Cardiovascular Nursing Association (PCNA)

PCNA developed a new section of the association's Online Medical Forms Guide to provide information on behavior change and medication adherence with a special focus on older adults. PCNA has also developed two *Try This* Specialty Practice series issues on cardiac risk assessment and vascular risk assessment for older adult patients.

Society of Trauma Nurses (STN)

STN and the Hartford Institute are jointly developing an online Geriatric Trauma Module. Content will include identifying trauma clinical care that is similar, regardless of age, versus older adult injuries that heighten awareness and/or are treated differently and delineating recommended care guidelines for the older trauma patient with head injury on anticoagulants.

About HIGN

Since its start in 1996, the singular mission of the Hartford Institute of Geriatric Nursing has been to shape the quality of nursing care to older adults by assuring geriatric competency of America's nurses. To this end, HIGN has established four action areas to bring an intensive focus to its mission: Practice, Education, Research and Advocacy/Policy. The commitment to this mission and these action areas exhibited by the dedicated HIGN leadership, staff and affiliate organizations has made HIGN today a globally recognized geriatric nursing resource.