Dr. Sherry Bassi was awarded $22,000 for ALCOHOL PREVENTION AT AVERY POINT by the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services’ Connecticut Healthy Campus Initiative. Dr. Bassi will use the funding at the Avery Point campus to establish a part-time alcohol prevention coordinator position, initiate an alcohol prevention sub-committee, survey students regarding alcohol use, increase safe alcohol use awareness among first-year students and parents, increase access to intervention services, and expand alcohol-free options available.

Danielle Millar, an undergraduate nursing honors student, has been awarded a $3,850 grant entitled THE IMPACT OF DIETARY FAT SUPPLEMENTATION ON SYMPTOMS OF PREMENSTRUAL SYNDROME through the Summer Undergraduate Research Fund (SURF). The project goal is to conduct a randomized, double blind, placebo controlled investigation to evaluate the impact of omega-3 fatty acid on PMS symptoms in a cohort of collegiate women. The proposed outcome of the research is to determine if a direct effect exists between omega-3 fatty acid supplementation and the reduction of PMS symptoms as compared to placebo. The submission was prepared under the guidance of Dr. Michelle Judge.

Dr. Patricia Neafsey was awarded $1,500 from the University of Connecticut Research Foundation for her grant application, SELF-MEDICATION PRACTICES OF UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE STUDENTS SURVEY. Dr. Neafsey will use the funding to survey the self-medication practices of undergraduate college students. Her results from the descriptive study will be used to inform the development and testing of a future education intervention for incoming students and their parents with the aim of reducing adverse self-medication behaviors.

Recent Grant Applications

Dr. Xiaomei Cong submitted an NIH R15 application entitled OXYTOCIN MECHANISM DURING MATERNAL AND PATERNAL SKIN-TO-SKIN CONTACT WITH PRETERM INFANTS. The goals of her research project are to examine the oxytocin mechanism in both modulating infants’ behavioral, autonomic, and stress responses, and in parental stress and anxiety during maternal and paternal skin-to-skin contact with their preterm infants. The request is for $421,906.

Dr. Karen Myrick submitted an NIH R15 application entitled THIRD TEST: ASSESSING HIP LABRAL TEARS. The goals of the project are to demonstrate inter-rater reliability of The Hip Internal Rotation with Distraction (THIRD) technique across multiple professional clinicians and students in professional health care programs, and to compare diagnostic findings from the THIRD test with the results of MRI arthrogram and hip arthroscopic findings in the diagnosis of hip labral tears. The request is for $402,604.

Dr. Thomas Van Hooft submitted QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE PREPARATION FOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN PRIMARY CARE to the University of Connecticut Research Foundation. The main objective of the proposal is to gather and analyze statewide qualitative data provided by APRNs working in primary care relating to their current knowledge and skill in QI, their perception of barriers to becoming involved, and their access to effective educational programs for QI training and support. The request is for $13,748.

Dr. Carol Polifroni has submitted a grant application to HRSA Bureau of Health Professions for the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP). The purpose of the NFLP grants is to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty by providing loans to students enrolled in an advanced education nursing program. Loan recipients must complete the education program and, following graduation, may cancel up to 85% of the NFLP debt while serving as full-time nurse faculty members at a school of nursing. The award is formula based.

Dr. Carol Polifroni has submitted an application for the HRSA Bureau of Health Professions Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) program. This year Dr. Polifroni invited Dr. Andrea Hubbard from the UConn School of Pharmacy to submit a joint application. The purpose of the SDS program is to promote diversity among health professions students and practitioners by providing scholarships to full-time, financially needy students from disadvantaged backgrounds enrolled in health professions and nursing programs. The award is formula based.
**New Publications**


**Faculty and Graduate Student Presentations**


**ENRS Faculty and Graduate Student Presentations**

**Presentations at the 23rd Annual Scientific Sessions of the Eastern Nursing Research Society, Philadelphia, PA**

**Paper Session**


**Poster Sessions**


**Meharry, P.** (2011, March). *Maternal immunization: A qualitative study to understand why pregnant women accepted or rejected the influenza vaccine*.


*1st place in the Master's category for poster presentations

**2nd place in the Baccalaureate category for poster presentations**

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