

November/December 2013 – Updates for Nursing Instructors at NCH

It is hard to believe but the holidays are almost upon us and 2014 is right around the corner. As we all start to roll out our annual family traditions I wish you Peace and Happiness for the Holiday Season and into the New Year ~ Kim Kelly, RN, BSN, CPN

Save the Date for our first Faculty Development Day. The date has been set for **Friday, May 30, 2014**. This will be a day devoted to **YOU** and helping you become the best clinical instructor you can be! A brief survey was sent out to hopefully all current clinical instructors requesting your input for the day's events. If you did not receive a survey send Kim Kelly an email at Kimberly.Kelly@NationwideChildrens.org to request one.

The New Faculty Orientation dates have been set for 2014. There is one left before Spring Semester on December 17, 2013. Next year's dates are 5/8/14, 6/12/14, 7/24/14, 11/13/14 and 12/11/14. Remember, all new clinical instructors must go through this one-time training class before supervising students at NCH. Most new clinical instructors come by way of referral from current instructors, so be sure to remind anyone you recruit to sign up for the class.

The Observation Book has a few things to be aware of. **First**, the OR is currently having difficulty with being able to place the scheduled students due to the number of staff currently in orientation. They will do their best to place all scheduled students, but please be aware that there may not be enough room for students and they may be turned away. If this happens, please be flexible. This will be the case for several months. If you are unable to have a Plan B for a student please consider scheduling a different observational experience. **Second**, because students are already scheduled to capacity in the OR, if your student is assigned to an Interventional Radiology observational experience they cannot follow that case if it goes to the OR. **Third**, the Neurodiagnostic location was mistakenly listed in the Observation Book as H10B. The correct location is H10A. And **fourth**, please note that the IDC clinic is the Immunodeficiency Clinic and not the Infectious Disease Clinic.

Please limit the amount of printing that is done on the unit. With the number of nursing students coming to NCH we could break the bank if we printed materials for all of them. Please have students make copies of necessary items before coming to NCH.

A huge THANK YOU to Kathy Cassandra from Chamberlain College of Nursing. She was recently "caught" doing a great job. On 10/10/13 the following message was received from Kathy Moellman, Program Manager for H10B at Nationwide Children's Hospital:

"CS Stars Event Entry: "Dispensing error - wrong drug in oral syringe. Nurse questioned topiramate oral syringe contents when 2 different syringes for the same patient looked different in color. Pharmacy dispensed new doses at that time. Satellite pharmacist later notified medication safety pharmacist which led to the discovery of other possible errors."

This was caught by Kathy Cassandra and her student! Tell her great job and give her a gift card or something! Nice to hear positives every once in a while and this is a BIG one 😊"

Well done, Kathy Cassandra! Thank you so much for putting safety first with our little patients and for teaching our next generation of nurses the importance of safety and critical thinking.