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Teaching

My approach to teaching can be best described as practical and transformative across what is a fairly eclectic collection of topic areas. I am currently teaching two courses in the graduate program at the Master level, Nursing 811 and 800. Theoretical Bases of Nursing Research (NURS 811) focuses on the influence of historical and philosophical perspectives in the development of nursing knowledge. Discussion and debate of discourse, theories, models and frameworks in the context of contemporary and classic philosophy in this course provides students with a critical survey of the underpinnings of nursing research. The biostatistics section of Advanced Research Design and Analysis (NURS 800) is an integration of the process of choosing, conducting and interpreting statistical testing with the use of SPSS both in classroom and in laboratory sessions. I use clinical examples to illustrate the process of data analysis and the relevance of findings to the nursing practice environment. This approach facilitates discussion of the concepts of knowledge translation and avoiding bias and assists student to make the link between research and practice.

In addition, I guest lecture in my specialty areas of acute and chronic pain management in the undergraduate nursing and medicine programs and in anaesthesiology residency core teaching.

Research

My research program centres on safeguarding patients and families who experience or who are at risk for experiencing adverse symptoms, in particular acute or chronic pain. I have a philosophical paradigm that is critical in nature and as such, my research seeks to uncover factors in the health care environment that connect and contribute to the success of symptom management. The questions posed in my research come directly from my clinical practice while my ongoing practice engagement allows for timely knowledge translation. As a member of the interprofessional research team within the Acute Pain Management Service at Kingston General Hospital, I have contributed to the development and testing of a electronic documentation tool

which has become an essential component of patient care in our institution. Our collaborative research in the use of bedside technology has resulted in practice and resource allocation change locally and nationally with respect to the use of innovative communication and documentation systems. The ability to have current and broad-reaching content expertise in the design of these projects has contributed to successful outcomes and dissemination of findings. Our team's ability to conduct research that is relevant and feasible for health care environments is well known.

Service

My clinical practice as a Nurse Practitioner is now primarily in the realm of chronic pain management and interventional palliative pain management although I continue to provide care for patients in the Acute Pain Management Service at Kingston General Hospital as the need arises. I have practiced in this specialty area for twelve years in a collaborative partnership with my colleagues in the Department of Anaesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine and remain committed to caring for individuals with complex pain management needs.