

Case Study Paper and Poster Presentation Information:

AWHONN 2011 Convention, “Inspire, Lead and Forge New Directions in the Care of Women and Newborns”

A case study presentation is an in-depth study and analysis of an actual complicated or ‘rare occurrence’ patient care case or practice situation which poses unique challenges with an identified nursing focus. **Submissions are reviewed blindly.**

Any reference to names of patients, providers, facilities or organizations must be deleted or blinded to protect confidentiality. In addition, customary practice is to alter non-essential descriptors to avoid inadvertent identification of individuals. For example, a 34 year old woman may be described as 36; or of Belgian descent instead of German descent, assuming that her exact age and descent are not relevant to her clinical state. Case write-ups must not contain identifying information or in any way violate HIPAA regulations. The case under discussion cannot be under current litigation. **Presenters must confirm that they have complied with these guidelines.**

Applicants can indicate a preference to present orally in a paper session, or as a poster. All those interested in presenting orally are encouraged to indicate a willingness to display a poster if not selected for oral presentation. There are a limited number of slots available for oral presentation plus our poster room is extremely well attended. Arguably more attendees are exposed to your work there than in an oral presentation which competes with 9 other sessions.

Criteria for Selection

- Complements convention goal and objectives
- Clear overview of the case and identified problems
- Timeliness
- Likely attendee interest in the case
- Evidence of interdisciplinary problem-solving
- Description of patient or practice outcomes as ‘lessons learned’
- Content free of commercial bias
- Application/implications for nursing practice reflective of current evidence-based research.

Goal and Objectives

The goal of the 2011 AWHONN Convention is to inspire, lead and forge new directions in the care of women and newborns.

At the conclusion of the conference, participants will be able to:

- Design evidence-based solutions for diverse practice settings.
- Develop a personal and professional leadership path.
- Disseminate knowledge to create and sustain quality outcomes.

Submission Process

To expedite the submission process, gather required components before entering the Speaker Management System. You will be asked to provide the following:

- **Title:** Should be catchy, yet still clearly reflect the content. Sample titles: *Terrorism and the Obstetrical Patient: A Success Story from Iraq; Borderline Personality and Pregnant*
- **Submitter's Email:** If there is more than one submitter, list the email address of the primary contact.
- **Presentation Format:** You will be asked to indicate your preference to present as a paper which is a 30 minute oral presentation, or as a poster. If you select paper, you will also be asked if you are willing to present as a poster if your abstract is not selected as a paper.
- **Brief Description:** This is 2-3 sentences, no more than 75 words, intended for posting on the convention website or other program materials to let attendees know what the session is about. You want them to attend your session, this should capture their interest. Sample descriptions:
 - *Reports on terrorism often emphasize chemical, biological and radiological events but most attacks involve explosive devices. Those affected can include pregnant women, one of the most complicated situations a multi-disciplinary team is challenged with, especially in the face of limited obstetrical and neonatal resources. This case study will reveal a nurses' experience involving a pregnant victim of a terrorist attack in a war torn country and the success story that ensued.*
 - *This presentation will relay the story of one woman's amazing tale of survival after an amniotic fluid embolism. Through this case presentation, the associated pathophysiology, clinical manifestations and treatment of amniotic fluid embolism will be discussed. As a result of a multidisciplinary team effort, that blended the diverse knowledge and expertise of nurses, obstetricians, anesthesia personnel, blood bank technicians and trauma surgeons, two lives were saved.*
- **Three Behavioral Objectives:** This is what the learner should be able to do on completing your session. Sample objectives:
 - *Describe the multisystem effects of end stage renal disease on pregnancy.*
 - *Define the interdisciplinary needs of pregnancy complicated with end stage renal failure.*
 - *Distinguish the psychosocial needs of a culturally diverse family within a large system with alterations in family bonding.*
- **Teaching Delivery Methods:** You will be asked to select from a list of delivery methods; the methods you choose should be appropriate for the content and objectives.
- **Pharmacology Content:** You will be asked to estimate how many minutes you will spend discussing medications during your presentation.

- **Bibliography:** Reviewers want to see the scientific or academic basis for your presentation, the sources for your assertions. You will be asked to provide at least 5 references, preferably from peer reviewed journals. At least 3 of them must be current as of the last 5 years. A sample bib:

DePalma, R. G., Burris, D. G., Champion, H. R., & Hodgson, M. J. (2005). Clinical Concepts: Blast Injuries. *The New England Journal of Medicine*, 352 (13), 1335-1342.

El Kady, D. (2007). Perinatal Outcomes of Traumatic Injuries During Pregnancy. *Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology*, 50 (3), 582-591.

Tweddale, C. J. (2006). Trauma During Pregnancy. *Critical Care Nursing Quarterly*, 29 (1), 53-67.

Van Hook, J. W. (2002). Trauma in Pregnancy. *Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology*, 45 (2), 414-424.

Witcher, P. M. (2006). Promoting Fetal Stabilization During Maternal Hemodynamic Instability or Respiratory Insufficiency. *Critical Care Nursing Quarterly*, 29 (1), 70-76.

- **Content Outline:** To determine if the content is congruent with your description, title and objectives, you will be asked to provide the outline for your presentation. If you have indicated you prefer making an oral presentation, you must indicate how many minutes you will spend on each component of the outline. Make sure that the time allotted for each component totals 30 minutes. If you have specified that you will discuss medications, please detail in your outline. Sample objectives with appropriate outline:

I. *Describe the multisystem effects of end stage renal disease on pregnancy. (5 minutes)*

- A. Effects of renal disease on multisystems/organs.
- B. Physiological effects of pregnancy
- C. Goal of dialysis
 1. Medications used for dialysis
 2. Hypertensive therapy during dialysis and pregnancy

II. *Overview of Case Study: Define the interdisciplinary needs of pregnancy complicated with end stage renal failure. (15 minutes)*

- A. Review of patient history

- B. Gestational course
- C. Interdisciplinary needs: coordination of services
- D. Problem solving process and definition of resources

III. Distinguish the psychosocial needs of a culturally diverse family within a large system with alterations in family bonding. (10 minutes)

- A. Describe the unique challenges of non English speaking family with complex every changing needs
- B. Describe the communication and education needs and process to ensure continuity of care
- C. Define the assessment and coordination of services postpartum for mother and infant.

- **Disciplines:** You will be asked to check off focus areas likely to be interested in your presentation
- **Confirmation:** You will be asked to check a box confirming that you have protected patient confidentiality and that the case is not under litigation.
- **Author Information:** You will be asked to provide contact information, credentials and affiliations for all presenters. In addition you must include a short biosketch (limited to 200 words) which will be read to introduce you to attendees. Focus of the biosketch should be what makes you qualified to present the topic. This is an example of a biosketch for a case study presentation of a pregnancy complicated by kidney disease.

Dr. Tyer-Viola is certified in inpatient obstetrics and has been a practicing clinician and administrator for the past 22 years. Her area of expertise is in high-risk obstetrics, co-morbid disease in pregnancy, and maternal-fetal ethics. Dr. Tyer-Viola continues to practice clinically at Mass General Hospital and is a nurse scientist in the Yvonne L. Munn Center for Nursing Research. Currently, she is employed as an assistant professor at the MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston, Massachusetts. Her current program of research focuses on attitudes towards pregnant women with HIV and symptom management during pregnancy. In addition, Dr. Tyer-Viola is a principal founder of the Maternal Infant Health Initiative for Zambia; a public private partnership to improve maternal and neonatal mortality in the rural setting. She is the coordinator and US program manager for programs to deliver emergency obstetrical and neonatal care, and provide continuing education and support to the existing cadre of nurses and midwives. She has given numerous national and international presentations on her research, global health and professional issues in nursing.

- **CV/Resume:** All presenting authors must upload a current CV or resume.
- **CNE Disclosure:** All presenting authors must disclose any relevant personal, professional or financial relationships with a commercial interest producing, marketing or selling health care goods or services consumed by or used on patients. In addition, you must also indicate whether you will include discussion of off label drug or device use. These disclosures will be shared with learners prior to the start of your session, typically as a slide.

Abstract Text

You will be asked to submit a narrative summary of your talk, limited to 400 words. This abstract will be included in a conference proceedings supplement to the *Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic & Neonatal Nursing* and will be edited prior to publication. The abstract is used by reviewers to assess your approach to the topic, your grasp of the current state of practice and science, and the level of sophistication of the presentation. You can create the abstract in Word first and then cut and paste into the Speaker Management System. Your abstract must be structured to include the following elements:

- Background: Importance of the subject matter and specific purpose of the report
- Case(s): Summary of pertinent features of the clinical findings, important laboratory abnormalities, interdisciplinary interventions, treatment, and outcome
- Conclusion/Implications for nursing practice reflective of current evidence-based research.
- Keywords: 3-6 key terms that can be used to index your abstract

Your abstract should not include a reference list, in text citations, tables, or bulleted lists. If you include these elements, they will be removed prior to publication. Please use acronyms and abbreviations sparingly if at all. If you do use an acronym or abbreviation, write it out on first use followed by the acronym in parenthesis; use the acronym only thereafter.

Tips and Timeline

You do not have to complete the submission in one sitting. You can click 'save and continue' at the end of a page and get back to the submission by using your log-in number. If the system will not let you save the content because you have not completed the entire page, you can simply fill in a place holder such as "to be determined", and come back to that field at another time.

All abstracts submissions must be completed by August 23, 2010; you will be notified of the Program Committee's decision in October, 2010.

If Your Abstract Is Selected for Presentation

All accepted submissions will be eligible for the prestigious Best Case Study Award presented at a designated time during convention.

Paper presenters will be provided an LCD projector, computer, screen and lectern with microphone. No other audio/visual equipment will be provided or may be used. Each paper session will be limited to **30 minutes**, which should include time at the end for questions and answers. A **maximum of two people** can present a paper. **AWHONN**

does not permit use of flipcharts, overheads, slides or videocassettes during paper presentations.

Posters are put on display in a room or foyer adjacent to the Exhibit Hall. Because we offer contact hours for poster review, posters cannot share space with exhibitors. Presenters are expected to be at their posters and available for questions during specified times. Attendees can earn a maximum of 5.0 contact hours by viewing posters. Selected poster presenters will be provided with a 4ft. X 8ft. corkboard and chair. Electrical outlets will not be available. A **maximum of two people** may present a poster.

Presenters will be responsible for their own travel and all expenses related to their presentation. All presenters are required to register to attend the convention and will be eligible for a \$75 discount off of full convention registration fees.

Questions or Concerns

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Frank Balsinger, Continuing Nursing Education Program Specialist, by phone at 202-261-2414 or by email at fbalsinger@awhonn.org.