Erin Hartnett Appointed as a Program Director of OHNEP and TOSH Projects

NYU College of Nursing is pleased to announce the appointment of Erin Hartnett, DNP, APRN-BC, CPNP, as Program Director for the College of Nursing’s oral health programs, Oral Health Nursing Education and Practice (OHNEP) program funded by the DentaQuest Foundation and the HRSA funded Teaching Oral Systemic Health (TOSH) program. Dr. Hartnett brings a wealth of experience to her new role as a pediatric nurse practitioner in pediatric neuro-oncology at NYU Hassenfeld Center for Children with Cancer and Blood Disorders where she coordinated the oncology clinical rotation in the NYU pediatric dental residency program. Her collaboration with the dental residents increased her awareness of both the acute and late effects of cancer treatment on the children’s oral health which led to her DNP capstone “Integrating Preventive Dental Care in Pediatric Oncology” where she collaborated with key members of the NYU dental school and the NYU Hassenfeld Center to implement an oral assessment and fluoride varnish treatment educational program. Dr. Hartnett stated that “The program increased the oral health knowledge of nurses, nurse practitioners, and physicians, as well as changing their respective current practice to include oral assessment, application of fluoride varnish, and dental referrals that now is the gold standard at the NYU Pediatric Cancer Program. Dr. Hartnett recently received a national DNP Capstone Award from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the New York Times Nurse Innovator Award for this program.

Presentations at National Conferences and Faculty Development Workshops

Judith Haber, OHNEP Co-Executive Director, and Donna Hallas, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Program Coordinator at NYU College of Nursing, presented a workshop “Oral Health Education and Best Practices: A Faculty Toolkit” at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing’s (AACN) Baccalaureate Conference in San Antonio, TX, on November 16th, 2012.


Mark Wolf, DDS, PhD, Professor at NYU College of Dentistry, presented a two-hour workshop “Aging Dentition, Dental Caries and Oral Health” at the NYU College of Nursing on March 6th, 2013. The workshop was attended by faculty and students and received very positive feedback.
Smiles For Life: A National Oral Health Curriculum

Site visits and inquiries made to the Smiles for Life (SFL) curriculum website, grew at an exponential rate in 2012. The volume of site visits and inquiries made during 2012 (184,422) exceeds the 2011 volume (25,916) more than seven times.

More than 197,400 visitors and inquiries have come to the site since the launch of the 3rd edition of SFL in June 2010. Increased site popularity also has attracted search engine inquiries in 2012.

The total number of courses completed in 2012 was 22,781. This is twice 2011 number of completed courses (11,064).

Course 1 “The Relationship of Oral to Systemic Health” continues to be the most completed course for CE, followed by Course 2 “Child Oral Health” and Course 6 “Caries Risk Assessment, Fluoride Varnish and Counseling”.

The 2012 percentage of total registered users by profession is shown on the top. The number of registered users in 2012 (5,070) was more than twice that in 2011 (2,369).

The increase in registered users by profession in 2012 is as follows:

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<th>Profession</th>
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More than a four fold increase in RNs and NPs who completed SFL courses contributed to this dramatic increase.

The Collaborative Home for Oral Heath, Medical Review and Health Promotion, or CHOMP, is an interprofessional three-year project at the Case Western Reserve University, funded by the HRSA. CHOMP involves students from the university’s Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, the School of Dental Medicine, and the School of Medicine. Dr. Carol Savrin, DNP, RN, CPNP, FNP-BC, FAANP, CHOMP Project Director, states their dental and NP students working in pairs will provide care to dental patients that will include oral exams, hypertension, cholesterol, and diabetes screenings, immunizations, and may be treated for acute health issues such as flu, strep throat, and ear infections.

“We have been thinking for a long time about how dentists and dental offices can be of even greater value to society by playing a broader role in primary health care,” said Jerold Goldberg, dean of the dental school.

“A partnership between advanced practice nurses or NPs and dentists provides an excellent way to deliver and increase access to quality healthcare while alleviating the shortage of primary care providers,” said Mary E. Kerr, dean of the nursing school.