

RESEARCH BULLETIN

Research & Development Committee

December 2006

Message from the Director of Research

Welcome to the Division of Nursing and Midwifery, Research and Development (R&D) Committee's inaugural *Annual Research Bulletin*. In November, 2006, the Division of Nursing and Midwifery commenced the strategic planning of its Research Futures for beyond 2007. The November planning session was the first of a series of sessions that are planned to continue throughout 2007, and that will build on work already undertaken by the Division's R&D Committee. In light of the Commonwealth Government's recent approval of the Research Quality Framework (RQF), the Division has adopted as its research focus 'public health and health services'. This frame is in keeping with recognised DEST designated RQF Codes that will be used to define and rank research groups nominated for assessment under the RQF. It is also strongly aligned with the Australian Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery's (CDNM) stance that: '*An essential element of nursing and midwifery research concerns the improvement of health care practice and patient or client outcomes*'. An emphasis on culturally diverse populations, and health and human rights (with reference to the WHO publication series on *Health and Human Rights*), will be included to 'badge' the Division and its distinctiveness from other Schools/Departments of Nursing and Midwifery in Australia. The RQF codes pertinent to nursing and midwifery are:

- 321200: Public Health + Health Services
- 321299: Public Health + Health Services - Not elsewhere classified
- 321213: Human Bioethics
- 321210: Community Child Health
- 321214: Health and Community Services
- 321100: Nursing
- 321103: Clinical Nursing: Acute Care
- 321199: Nursing- Not elsewhere classified.

Programs of research and scholarship aligned with these codes will be lead by the four researchers from the Division whose names appear below. Among the designated leaders is an early career researcher (Louise Rose) who will be supported in her new role by the other leaders.

Professor Eleanor Holroyd (Public Health and Health Services + Nursing): Research and scholarship under this category will have as its main focus primary and preventive women's health/cross-cultural health care, and midwifery.

Professor Megan-Jane Johnstone (Human Bioethics + Nursing): Research and scholarship under this category will have as its main focus patient safety ethics, clinical risk management and harm minimisation in hospital contexts; health and human rights; racial and ethnic disparities in health, patient safety and quality care; professional conduct; and nursing and health care ethics.

Professor Gay Edgecombe (Community Child Health + Health and Community Services): Research and scholarship under this category will have as its main focus maternal and child health, school health, public health nursing and health care systems evaluation.

Ms Louise Rose (Clinical Nursing: Acute Care + Nursing): Research and scholarship under this category will have as its main focus intensive care nursing, neuroscience nursing, and emergency nursing.

The Division looks forward to building on its successes detailed in this Bulletin and to progressing its Research Futures agenda in 2007 and beyond. On behalf of the Division's Research and Development Committee I wish you *Season's Greetings and a prosperous New Year!*

Professor Megan-Jane Johnstone

New Secretary to the R&D Committee

Welcome to **Margarita Maragoudaki** who joined the Division in October 2006. Her duties include providing Secretariat support to the Division's Research & Development Committee. Margarita has a Bachelor of Behavioural Sciences from La Trobe University. She brings to her new position a wide range of experience from working in both the health care and public service sectors. Margarita has worked previously as a Project Officer (Research & Policy) with the former Victorian Ethnic Affairs Commission, and as a Research Assistant at RMIT University.

New Research Assistants

Welcome to **Dr Kat Pawley** who joined the Division in April 2006 to provide research assistance to Dr Maureen Farrell and her team on the following two research projects: a NBV funded study on the use of handheld computers in nursing education at RMIT University; an ARC Linkage funded study investigating the use of handheld computers by nurses in acute care hospital units. Kate's research experience and

publication track has been primarily in the area of palaeontology, with a focus on the evolution and biomechanics of locomotion in the earliest tetrapods. She brings to the RMIT projects experience in statistics.

Welcome to **Dr Claire Simpson**, who joined the Division in October this year to provide research assistance to Associate Professors Tony Welch and Lina Shahwan-Akl on a DHS-funded project assessing the mental health focus in the Bachelor of Nursing degree. The aim of the study is to establish guidelines for the effective delivery of mental health theory and practice within Bachelor of Nursing programs offered in Victoria. Claire's research experience has primarily been laboratory-based, including projects investigating tissue engineering and providing cellular therapy in the form of cultured skin to patients with major burns. This appointment represents a new research direction for Claire.

Thank you to our Adjunct Professors

Thanks and acknowledgement is due to the following Adjunct Professors for their ongoing support of the Division's core business throughout 2006:

- **Adjunct Professor Ian Baldwin**, PhD, RN, Austin Health, Melbourne
- **Adjunct Professor Marcia George**, OAM, DN, RN, Austin Health, Melbourne
- **Adjunct Professor Olga Kanitsaki**, AM, PhD, RN, Melbourne.
- **Adjunct Professor Nicholas Proctor**, PhD, RN, University of South Australia, Adelaide.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Ongoing research - funded prior to 2006

Forsyeth L., Desmond T., O'Halloran T., McGough, K. McAllister, I. **Edgecombe**, G. Scott, D. **Shahwan-Akl**, L. Raven, L. Fergie, D. Peters, D. **2005-2006**. *Evaluation of the Maternal and Child Health Service*. Victorian Department of Human Services (\$200,000).

Griffin, P. & **Edgecombe**, G. **2005-2006**. *Analysis of the School Entry Health Questionnaire Longitudinal Data Set (1998-2004 cohorts)*. Joint project by The University of Melbourne Assessment Research Centre and RMIT University, Division of Nursing and Midwifery. (Final Report Submitted April, 2006). Victorian Department of Human Services (\$25,200).

Holroyd, E. 2005-2007. 'Doing the month': An exploratory study of three generations of Chinese women, Central Hong Kong Ear Marked Grant (\$HK389,528)

Liaison with Industry

Dr Heather Pisani has been successful in liaising with industry partners to establish a Neuroscience Nursing Research Group. This group consists of health care professionals in the neuroscience area at Austin Health and aims to

foster Evidence Based Research in the clinical area. Consisting mainly of nurses, the group had its inaugural meeting in December 2006 to devise its Terms of Reference and Management processes. The group is lead by Dr Heather Pisani, Co-ordinator of Neuroscience at RMIT University and Ms Belinda Ford, Co-ordinator of Neuroscience at Austin Health. The group will commence meeting monthly from February 2007 to progress its research agenda.

Awards/Recognition

Congratulations to Louise Rose for Best Nursing Poster Award (\$1500):

Goom, K., **Rose, L.**, Redl, L., & Cade, J. 2006. Clinical Impact And Factors Associated With An Acinetobacter Outbreak. *Australia and New Zealand Intensive Care Society, Annual Scientific Meeting*.

Congratulations to Leanne Sheeran, PhD Candidate, RMIT Division of Nursing and Midwifery, for award of **Royal College of Nursing (RCNA) Bequest Scholarship 2006 (\$10,000)**.

Supervised by: Professor Gay Edgecombe & Associate Professor A. Welch

2006 Committee Appointments/Reappointments relevant to research and scholarship track

Congratulations to Professor Megan-Jane Johnstone on being reappointed as an inaugural member to serve a second three-year term on the Victorian Department of Human Services (DHS) Clinical Risk Management Reference Group. The Aims of the Group include advising DHS, through its Quality and Safety Branch, on strategic directions and policy development with respect to the Departments Clinical Risk Management (CRM) strategy. It also provides advice on a range of other matters including training and education requirements for CRM, establishment a Culture of Safety within health care organisations, integration of a sound complaints system into organisational CRM Plans and other key elements of CRM as directed by the Director, Quality and Safety Branch.

Congratulations to Professor Megan-Jane Johnstone on being reappointed to serve a third four year terms as Consultant (Ethics & Human Rights) to the International Council of Nurses (ICN), Geneva. The ICN is a federation of national nurses' associations (NNAs), representing nurses in more than 128 countries. Founded in 1899, ICN is the world's first and widest reaching international organisation for health professionals. Operated by nurses for nurses, ICN works to ensure quality nursing care for all, sound health policies globally, the advancement of nursing knowledge, and the presence worldwide of a respected nursing profession and a competent and satisfied nursing workforce

Successful Research Grant Applications – Commencing 2006

Barnett T., Cross M., Jacobson B., **Shahwan-Akl L., Welch A. Caldwell A.,** Broad L., Hutson A., McArthur S., Berry R. Building capacity for clinical placements in East Gippsland. Undergraduate clinical placement funding scheme. Victorian Department of Human Services (\$184,580).

Farrell, M. 2006. Use of hand held mobile technologies in medical surgical nursing education. Nurses Board of Victoria Grant (\$17,815)

Farrell, M., McGrath, I., D'Arcy, M., Shepherd, I. Improving patient health outcomes in acute care hospital settings using mobile wireless technology and handheld computers. Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Grant (\$145,000). (Industry partners Royal Women's Hospital and Southern Health)

Greenwood K., Eisenbise, J., **Shahwan-Akl L., Holroyd, E.** Alignment of RMIT Bachelor of Nursing delivered offshore with the requirements of the Nurses Board Victoria and offshore Nursing Registration Boards. AVCC (\$50,000)

Holroyd, E. Survey of Hong Kong registered nurses beliefs about, attitudes towards and utilization of complimentary and alternative medicine, United College, CUHK (\$HK7,500.00)

Johnstone, M. (James Cook University and RMIT University Consortium: Holmes, C., Thompson, F., Johnstone, M & Fitzgerald, M). ANMC Tender/Consultancy Project: *Review of the Code Of Ethics for Nurses in Australia (2002) and the Code of Professional Conduct for Nurses in Australia (2003) and to Develop a Code of Ethics for Midwives in Australia and a Code of Professional Conduct for Midwives in Australia* (\$163,101)

Rose, L. Presneill, J. 2006 A Randomised, Controlled Trial in Mechanically Ventilated Critically-Ill Patients of Conventional Weaning Versus an Automated System (SmartCare™/PS). *ACCCN Novice Researcher Grant 2006* (\$5000).

Rose, L. 2006. Airway Cuff Management Practices: a Randomized, Controlled Trial and Survey of Current Practice. *RMIT Emerging Researcher Grant 2006* (\$10,000).

Rose, L. 2006. A Randomised, Controlled Trial in Mechanically Ventilated Critically-Ill Patients of Conventional Weaning Versus an Automated System (SmartCare™/PS). *Grants-in-Aid for Research 2006: Victor Hurley Medical Research Fund* (\$5000).

Welch, A., Shahwan-Akl, L. & Intherarasa, K. Assessing Mental Health Clinical Placements and Requirements. Victorian Department of Human Services (\$48,000).

Media reports

Johnstone, M & Kanitsaki, O. *Cultural safety and cultural competency in healthcare and nursing: an Australian study*, funded by DHS (Victoria)(final report released 23 December, 2005).

- Johnstone, M. 2006. Interview with *Jon Faine, ABC-Radio (774AM) Melbourne*, 27 February, 0850hrs (re: under funding of qualified health interpreters in Victoria's health care system)
- 'Major improvements needed in culture care'. *Nursing Review*, March, p.3.
- 'Hospitals rely on children as interpreters: study' (report by Melissa Iaria, based on interview with M. Johnstone). *Melbourne Times*, 9 March, 2006, p. 7.
- 'Hospitals rely on children as interpreters: study' (report by Melissa Iaria, based on interview with M. Johnstone). *Heidelberg Weekly*, 14 March, 2006, p. 5.
- ANF Professional Day: Holistic Nursing: what's missing? (Report on Professors M. Johnstone & O. Kanitsaki presentation), *On The Record*, June, 2006, p. 8.

Successful completion of Higher Degree

Congratulations to Dr Dale Pugh. Her thesis explored Australian registered nurses experiences of being alleged by others to have engaged in unprofessional conduct for making a mistake and subsequently reported to a Nurses Board for disciplinary action. Her study confirms the need for the development of a decision making framework for the non-punitive management of nursing errors, for taking a 'lessons-learned approach' to identifying and managing risk in nursing practice, and for providing support to nurses who make honest mistakes in the course of their practice.

Supervised by: Professor M. Johnstone & Adjunct Professor O. Kanitsaki, AM

Visiting Scholars & Academics in 2006

❖ **Visiting Scholar: Professor Patricia Benner, PhD, RN, FAAN, from UCFS, USA**

15 September, 2006, Story Hall, RMIT University (Funded by RMIT University Foundation): Presented workshop and keynote address on *The Carnegie Foundation National Nursing Education and Preparation for the Professions Program* research studies. Findings from these studies can be viewed on The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching website:
<http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/>.

❖ **Visiting Academics: from School of Nursing, Gunma Prefectural College of Health Sciences, Maebashi, Gunma, Japan:**

- Professor Michiko Murakami
- A/Prof Wakako Sadahiro
- Ms Naomi Yamasumi (Lecturer)
- Ms Yukari Takai (Assistant)

9-10 March, 2006, RMIT University: To discuss Professors' Johnstone and Kanitsaki's Clinical Risk Management Research; to discuss

the development of nursing curricula to include patient safety and Clinical Risk Management (CRM); explore adaptation and utilisation in Japan of Johnstone et al's *Clinical Risk Management – A Learning package for the Graduate Nurse*; field visit (with Prof. Johnstone) to Clinical Governance Unit of Austin Health)

2006 PUBLICATIONS

Books – in press

- Chung F. M & **Holroyd E.** (eds). In press. *Mainstreaming Gendering in Hong Kong Society*. Chinese University Press
- Fry, S & **Johnstone, M.** In Press. *Ethics in nursing practice, 3rd revised edition*. Blackwell Science, London.

Book chapters - published

- Edgecombe, G.** 2006. Healthy communities: Is there a role for nurses/nursing? In J. Daly, S. Speedy & D. Jackson (eds). *Contexts of Nursing, 2nd edn* Sydney: Churchill Livingstone/Elsevier, Sydney.
- Holroyd, E,** Wong W, Lavina, D., & Grey A. 2006. Sex and dangerous occupations.. In Bernie Warren (eds). *Suffering the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune*. Amsterdam, New York: Rodopi. EBook
- Johnstone, M.** 2006. Ethics in nursing. In J. Daly & E. Chang (eds). *Contexts of nursing, 2nd edn*. Churchill Livingstone/Elsevier, Sydney: 129-138.
- Jones L** & Chouzadjian K. 2006. Female Reproductive Health Breakdown. In J. Daly J, E. Chang & D. Elliott (eds). 2006. *Pathophysiology Applied to Nursing Practice*. Elsevier, Sydney.
- Jones L** & Wright A. 2006 Complications of the Newborn In S. Pairman, J. Pincombe, C. Thorogood, & S. Tracey (eds). *Midwifery – Preparation for Practice*. Elsevier, Sydney.

Book chapters - in press

- Edgecombe, G.** In press. Maternal/child client group. In M. Barne & J. Rowe (eds). *Community Nursing in Australia: Context, Issues and Applications*. Blackwell Publishing, Oxford.
- Edgecombe, G. & Chater, K.** In press. Understanding organisational culture in the community health setting. In E. Chang & J. Daly. *Transitions in Nursing: Preparing for Professional Practice, 3rd edn.*, Elsevier Australia, Sydney.
- Edgecombe, G.** & McBride-Henry, K. In press. Developing Programs for the Child, Young Person and Family. In M. Barnes & J. Rowe (eds) *Child Youth and Family Nursing. Strengthening Communities*. Elsevier Australia, Sydney.
- Holroyd, E.** In press. Hong Kong Chinese daughters' family obligations and social change-discontinuities and continuities. In MS Tam (ed). *Women of South China. Negotiating traditions and subjectivities*. ME Sharpe.
- Holroyd, E.** In Press. Chinese Women Health. In C. Lam & W. Wong (eds) *Health of Chinese*

Society, Chinese University Press, to be translated into Chinese].

- Holroyd E.** In press. Modesty, embarrassment and contagion, Chinese women and cervical screening beliefs. In *New developments in cervical screening*. Nova Science,
- Holroyd E,** Ho, S. & Wong. W. In press. Gender and health. In F. Cheung & E. Holroyd (eds). *Mainstreaming Gender In Hong Kong society*, Chinese University Press.
- Jackson, D. & **Edgecombe, G.** In press. Caring for a child and adolescent in the community. In M. Barne & J. Rowe (eds). *Community Nursing in Australia: Context, Issues and Applications*, Blackwell Publishing, Oxford.
- Johnstone, M. & Kanitsaki, O.** In press. Cultural diversity and the Australian health care system. In S. Barrowclough and H. Gardner (Eds.) *Analysing Australian health policy: a problem orientated approach*. Elsevier Australia, Sydney.
- Johnstone, M** & Crock, E. In press. Dealing with ethical issues in nursing practice. In E. Chang and J. Daly (eds) *Transitions in nursing: Preparing for professional practice, 3rd edn*. Elsevier Australia, Sydney.

Refereed journal articles - published

- Edgecombe, G.** & Ploeger, H. 2006. Working with families experiencing violence: The Ploeger Model of Enhanced Maternal and Child Health Nursing. *Contemporary Nurse, 21(2)*: 287-296.
- Johnstone, M & Kanitsaki, O.** 2006. Processes influencing the development of graduate nurse capabilities in clinical risk management: an Australian study. *Quality Management in Health Care, 15(4)*:268-278.
- Johnstone, M & Kanitsaki, O.** 2006. Culture, language and patient safety: making the link. *International Journal for Quality in Health Care 18(5)*: 383-388
- Johnstone, M & Kanitsaki, O.** 2006. The moral imperative of designating patient safety and quality care a national nursing research priority. *Collegian, 13(1)*: 5-9.
- Johnstone, M & Kanitsaki, O.** 2006. The ethics and practical importance of defining, distinguishing and disclosing nursing errors: a discussion paper. *International Journal of Nursing Studies, 43(3)*: 367-376.
- Rose, L.** 2006. Advanced Modes of Mechanical Ventilation: Implications for Practice, *AACN Advanced Critical Care, 17(2)*: 145-158.
- Rose, L.** & Nelson, S. 2006. Issues in weaning from mechanical ventilation: a literature review, *Journal of Advanced Nursing, 54(1)*: 73-85.
- Tong, F.Y. & **Holroyd E.** 2006. The Needs and Experiences of Hong Kong Chinese Cadaver Organ Donor Families. *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology, 8(1)*: 25-31
- Wong W, Grey A. Ling, D & **Holroyd, E** (2006) Patterns of health care utilization and health behaviours among street sex workers in Hong Kong. *Health Policy, 77(2)*: 140-148

Refereed journal articles – in press

- Fei –Wan Hi, Chan S, & **Holroyd. E.** In press. Translation and validation of a Chinese version

- of the Parenting Sense of Competence Scale in Chinese mothers. *Journal of Clinical Nursing*.
- Holroyd, E.** In press. Commentary on Being asked not to tell: nurses' experiences of caring for cancer patients not told of their diagnosis. *Journal of Clinical Nursing*.
- Holroyd, E** Wong, W, Grey, A, Ling, D (in press) Environmental health and safety needs of Chinese female sex workers; a cross sectional study. *International Journal of Nursing*.
- Farrell, M. & Rose, L.** In Press. The use of handheld computers in clinical nursing education. *Journal of Nursing Education* [Accepted for publication 09/09/06].
- Johnstone, M.** In press. Patient safety ethics and human error management in ED contexts, Part II: Accountability and the challenge to change. *Australasian Emergency Nurses Journal* [Accepted 18 November, 2006].
- Johnstone, M.** In press. Patient safety ethics and human error management in ED contexts, Part I: Development of the global patient safety movement. *Australasian Emergency Nurses Journal* [Accepted 8 October, 2006].
- Johnstone, M.** In press. Research ethics, reconciliation, and strengthening the research relationship in Indigenous health domains: an Australian perspective. *International Journal of Intercultural Relations* [edited proofs available on-line via Science Direct].
- Johnstone, M.** In press. Journal impact factors (IF): implications for nursing journals and the nursing profession. *International Nursing Review* [Accepted 29 July, 2006]
- Johnstone, M & Kanitsaki, O.** In press. Clinical risk management and patient safety education for nurses: a critique. *Nurse Education Today* [edited proofs available on-line via Science Direct].
- Johnstone, M, Kanitsaki, O., Currie, T., Smith, E., McGennisken, C.** In press. Designing and delivering clinical risk management education for graduate nurses: an Australian study *Nurse Education in Practice* [edited proofs available on-line via Science Direct].
- Ling, D, Wong, W. **Holroyd, E** & Grey A. In press. Silent killers of the night: An exploration of psychological health and suicidality among female sex workers. *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy*
- Ling, D, Wong, W. & **Holroyd, E.** In press Handling Emerging Health Needs Among a Migrant Population- Factors associated with Suicide attempts and Suicide Ideation among Female Street Sex Workers in Hong Kong. *Clinical Effectiveness in Nursing*.
- O'Connell, B, Gardner, A, Takase, M, Ostaszkiwicz, J, Ski, C. & **Josipovic, P.** In press. Clinical usefulness and feasibility of using Reality orientation with patients who have dementia in acute care settings. *International Journal of Nursing Practice*.
- Rose, L.** In press. Recombinant Factor VIIa: Review of Current 'Off License' Indications and Implications for Practice. *AACN Advanced Critical Care* [accepted for publication 19th December, 2006].
- Rose, L.,** Presneill, J., & Cade, J. Update in Computer-Driven Weaning from Mechanical Ventilation. *Anaesthesia and Intensive Care* [Accepted for publication 10/11/2006].
- Rose, L. & Gerdtz, M. F.** Invasive ventilation in the emergency department. Part one: what nurses need to know. *Australasian Emergency Nursing Journal*. [Accepted for publication 24/7/06]
- Rose, L. & Gerdtz, M. F.** Invasive ventilation in the emergency department. Part two: implications for patient safety. *Australasian Emergency Nursing Journal*. [Accepted for publication 8/10/06]
- Twinn, SF T, Chau, J, Moore A, & **Holroyd E.** In press. Understanding older Chinese women's pattern of screening for cervical cancer: implications for increasing screening rates. *Journal of Cancer Nursing*
- Wong W, **Holroyd, E,** Grey & Ling D. In press. Female Street Sex Workers in Hong Kong: Moving Beyond Sexual Health. *Journal of Women's Health*

Conference poster presentations

- Farrell, M.** 2006. PDA use in nursing education. *Hewlett Packard Education Conference, 2nd February, Monterey California, USA.*
- Goom, K., **Rose, L.,** Redl, L., & Cade, J. 2006. Clinical Impact And Factors Associated With An Acinetobacter Outbreak. Australia and New Zealand Intensive Care Society, Annual Scientific Meeting, 12-15th October, Hobart, Tasmania.

Conference abstracts – published 2006

- Rose, L.,** Presneill, J., Johnston, J. Cade, J. 2006. Weaning management and outcomes in an Australian intensive care unit. *Intensive Care Medicine, 32, Suppl 1, S18.*

Conference abstracts - accepted for 2007

- Ellis, I.** Core curriculum for maternal and child health nursing students: A dynamic partnership between academic and practice settings. "Partnership in Practice", 2nd Conference of the Australian Association of Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses, to be held in Sydney in May 2007.

Editorials

- Johnstone, M.** 2006. *Invited Guest Editorial:* Racism in health care and the need to take a stand. *International Nursing Review, 53(3): 159-160*

Other publications – non-refereed

- Farrell M.** 2006. Efficacy and utilisation of mobile hand held computers in undergraduate clinical nursing education. *Hewlett Packard Nursing Project Final Report to RMIT SET Portfolio.* Division of Nursing and Midwifery, RMIT University, Melbourne.
- Farrell, M.** 2006. *Focus:* Nursing and midwifery education using mobile technologies. *Australian Nursing Journal, 14(1): 25.*

- Griffin, P. & **Edgecombe, G.** 2006. *School Entrant Health Questionnaire: Longitudinal Analysis 1998-2004*. Assessment Research Centre, The University of Melbourne, Melbourne.
- Jones L.** 2006. Confronting the culture of silence on bullying. *Nursing Review*. March, p.10
- Merritt, S.** & Schmierer, C. 2006 Workforce Diversity: embracing culture, valuing staff, *Proceedings of Aged Care Association Australia National Conference, 25th Annual Congress Conference* Nov 19-21, Perth, WA.
- Rose, L. & Kuhn, L.** 2006. Postgraduate specialty education – a return to the hospital certificate? *Nursing Review*, Jan-Feb, p. 23.
- Shahwan-Akl, L.** 2006. Cardiovascular risk factors among Lebanese-Australians. *Australian Nursing Journal*, 13(10): 40-41.

Conference presentations

- Berry, M., Hamilton, M., & **Farrell, M.** 2006. Mobile Computing: changes to student communication and learning through Tablet PCs and PDA's Mobile Computing: Changes to Student Communication and Learning through Tablet PCs and PDAs. *Third Melbourne Computing Education Conventicler* 17th November, RMIT University, Melbourne.
- Bush, T.** 2006. When medications are refused. *Ausmed State Conference: Nurses Know Your Medicines*, 16th November, Ibis Hotel, Melbourne.
- Farrell, M.** 2006. Handheld mobile technologies in nursing education. *Nurse Educator's Symposium*. Ausmed Conferences Pty Ltd 5th December, Melbourne.
- Farrell, J, McGrath, I, D'Arcy, M., & Shepherd, I.** 2006. Improving Patient Health Outcomes in Acute Care Hospital Settings Using Mobile Wireless Technology and Handheld Computers. *RMIT University School of Health Sciences, Second Research Conference*, 20th July, RMIT University, Bundoora.
- Holroyd, E,** Chan S & Lopez, V. 2006. Three generations of women post natal practices; modernity and tradition in post colonial Hong Kong; From Orientalism to post coloniality conference at Sodertorn University, 27-30 April Sweden.
- Holroyd E,** Wong W, AFRO & Ling D. 2006. Women and girls in the sex industry in Hong Kong: An anthropological approach. Impact of global Issues on Women and Children, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 12-16 February.
- Johnstone, M.** 2006. **Invited Keynote Speaker:** Research ethics and strengthening the research relationship in Indigenous health domains: an Australian perspective. *Victorian and Tasmanian Deans of Nursing and Midwifery, 2nd Collaborative Research School*, 18-19 September, University of Melbourne, Parkville, Melbourne.
- Johnstone, M.** 2006. **Invited Keynote Speaker:** Patient safety ethics and clinical risk management in rapidly changing environments. *College of Emergency Nursing Australasia (CENA), 2nd National Emergency Nursing Conference*, 23-26 August, Hobart, Tasmania.

- Johnstone, M & Kanitsaki, O.** 2006. **Invited Plenary Paper:** Language prejudice, 'new racism', and discrimination in hospital contexts: an Australian perspective. Australian Multicultural Foundation National Conference: *Towards a healthy nation: meeting the challenges of a diverse society for good health and well-being*, 30-31 October, Hyatt Regency, Adelaide.
- Johnstone, M & Kanitsaki, O.** 2006. **Invited Plenary Paper:** Cultural sensitivity in nursing care and the nurse as patient advocate. Australian Nursing Federation (Victorian Branch) *Annual Professional Day: Holistic nursing: what's missing?* 28 April, Sofitel Melbourne.
- Jones L.** 2006. Empowering learners through clinical education support. Improving University Teaching. *International Conference: Extending our Boundaries: New Solutions for Complex Problems in Higher Education*. 3-6 July, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- Rose, L.,** Presneill, J., Johnston, J. Cade, J. 2006. Weaning management and outcomes in an Australian intensive care unit. Presented at the *European Intensive Care Society Meeting*, 24-27 September, Barcelona.
- Rose, L.** May 2006: **Invited guest speaker:** Current Issues in Weaning. *ICE Australian College of Critical Care Nurses Annual Education Conference*, 26-27 May, Melbourne.
- Shortis, M., McGovern, J., Berry, M., & **Farrell, M.** 2006. Two case studies on the influence of mobile computing on student learning behaviour. *Australasian Association for Engineering Education*, Auckland New Zealand 10- 13th December 2006.
- Schmeirer, C. & **Merritt, S.** 2006 Workforce Diversity: embracing culture, valuing staff. *Aged Care Association Australia National Conference (ACAA), 25th Annual Congress*, Nov 19-21, Perth, WA.

Seminar Presentations

- Bush, T.** 2006. Staff development seminar: Palliative Care Principles. 12 May, Moorfields - Aged Care Facility, Box Hill, Melbourne.
- Bush, T.** 2006. Staff development seminar: Palliative Care Principles. 19 May, Moorfields - Aged Care Facility, Box Hill, Melbourne.
- Johnstone, M.** 2006. One Day National Seminar: *Patient Safety Ethics, Clinical Risk Management, and Harm Minimisation in Hospital Contexts: Implications for the Nursing Profession*. Global Event (supported by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Malaysia), 22 November, Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Johnstone, M & Kanitsaki, O.** 2006. Culture, language and patient safety: making the link. *Western Health Ethics Forum* (Sponsored by the Western Health Board Institutional Ethics Committee), 9 November, Footscray, Melbourne.
- Johnstone, M. & Kanitsaki, O.** 2006. Cultural safety and cultural competence in health care and nursing. *Northern Health Study Day: Perspectives on Transcultural Healthcare*, 9 June, Epping, Melbourne.

Kanitsaki, O. & Johnstone, M. 2006. Cultural competence: does your organisation practice cultural safety? 17 October, Geelong West Town Hall (organised by Diversitat Community Centre), Geelong.

Kanitsaki, O. & Johnstone, M. 2006. Ethnic disparities in patient safety and quality care. Mercy for Women Seminar: *Crossing cultures in women's health*. 21 September, Mercy for Women, Heidelberg, Melbourne.

Kanitsaki, O & Johnstone, M. 2006. Reframing health interpreting services as a critical (missing) link to patient safety and quality care. National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) *National Forum: Health Interpreting - Where to from here?* 26 July, Jika International, Fairfield, Melbourne.

Merritt, S. & Korean Student Study Tour Group 2006. Experiencing Korea: a holiday package. *Presentation of a simulated experience for "Cultural Activity Day" to staff, residents and families at Hobson's Bay Nursing Centre*, Hobson's Bay, Altona, Vic.

Nyland, B., **Edgecombe, G.**, & Harper, S. 2006. Silo cultures: Challenges and benefits of integrating early childhood programs. CEIEC Annual International Early Childhood Conference *Cultures, Challenges & Change in troubling times*. 16-18 Nov, The University of Melbourne, Melbourne.

Division of Nursing and Midwifery Student Publications

Message to staff: If you know of any publications prepared and submitted by our nursing and midwifery students please let the Secretary of the R&D Committee know so that we can track them for inclusion in our annual publication data collection for 2006

Peer review of staff research proposals and manuscripts

The Research and Development Committee is in the process of developing new processes and procedures for reviewing staff research grant applications and manuscripts that have been prepared for publication. Further information will be provided in 2007.

Grant/Funding Opportunities 2007

The Division of Nursing and Midwifery, Research Calendar 2007 is included as a separate attachment to this Bulletin. The following websites contain additional information (over and above what is given in the Calendar) that Division researchers may find useful:

RMIT University Funding Bulletin (Research List)

Staff & students must login to view these PDF files. Staff can [subscribe to Research List](#) to receive the RMIT Funding Bulletin via email. Further information available at: www.rmit.edu.au [Research]

EasyGrants Newsletter & Grants Education Service:

Australia's only Consolidated Grants Information Service: www.ourcommunity.com.au

ARC Linkage-projects 2007:

The Funding Rules, Draft Funding Contract and Instructions to Applicants are available at: www.arc.gov.au/apply_grants/linkage_projects.htm

NHMRC Projects:

A range of information about the research funding provided by the NHMRC is available at: www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/types/index.htm

NHMRC Calendar of Funding:

For information about key dates, visit: www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/calendar/date.htm

Division Research Seminar Series

Chaired by Professor Megan-Jane Johnstone

Throughout 2006, the Division hosted a highly successful bi-monthly Research Seminar series. Speakers included Bachelor of Nursing (Honours), Masters and PhD students as well as experienced researchers reporting on their latest research findings. The R & D Committee is pleased to announce that the 2007 program is being finalised and will be publicised early in the New Year. Meetings will be held **every fourth Thursday of the month, 3-5pm**. Dates for 2007 are as follows:

22 February
29 March
26 April
31 May
28 June
26 July
30 August
27 September
25 October
29 November

All welcome!

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