

Transplant Nursing Scope and Standards Revision Launched

The first *Scope and Standards for Transplant Nursing (S&S)* was published by ITNS in conjunction with the American Nurses Association (ANA) nearly five years ago. A lot has happened in the field of transplantation and health care since that time, and the next few years will undoubtedly be filled with even more change. It is therefore particularly timely that we undertake a review and revision of our S&S now, with an eye toward where we would like to see transplant nursing evolve in the next 3 to 5 years.

The ITNS Board of Directors has convened a task force to review the current S&S and make recommendations for revisions. The task force is chaired by Donna Hathaway from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis and its members include:

Laura Taylor-Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Baltimore, Maryland

Ann Floden –Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Sweden

Bev Kosmach-Park -University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Claire West -Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, Australia

Tammy Sebers -Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, Oregon

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Ann Bush -Veterans Administration, Portland, Oregon

Sherrie Panther -Middlesex, United Kingdom

As part of the review and revision process, members and other stakeholders are encouraged to offer their input for taskforce consideration. The taskforce is particularly interested in hearing member and stakeholder thoughts regarding what advances have occurred in recent years and what things are on the horizon for transplantation that should be considered for incorporation in our S&S.

The target date for the Taskforce to submit their final draft of the Revised S&S is July 2014. Because of this ambitious timeline we ask that comments for taskforce consideration sent to Dr. Hathaway at dhathaway@uthsc.edu prior to Friday February 28, 2014. The final draft will also be made available for member review prior to submission of the final completed document to ANA for publication.

The task force welcomes and looks forward to receiving member input for this important document that will help define transplant nursing and shape its future.

For future issues we need to have on-going reminders of the work that is underway, maybe something like this.

Call for Comments on Revision of the Scope and Standards of Transplant Nursing

The ITNS Scope and Standards Taskforce thanks those individuals who have responded to the request for comments and continues to solicit input from members and stakeholders. Tell us what you think! What advances have occurred in transplant nursing in recent years? What is on the horizon for transplantation? Send

your ideas for the Scope & Standards to Dr. Hathaway at dhathaway@uthsc.edu prior to Friday February 28, 2014. The task force welcomes and looks forward to receiving member input for this important document that will help define transplant nursing and shape its future.