

NICHE NEWS

April 10th thru April 13th was the 25th Annual NICHE Conference held in Atlanta Georgia.

It was attended by myself, Engelina Olsthoorn RN 2N, Eileen Maher RN 5N and Gabriella

Zappa RN 2C. The keynote speakers highlighted many aspects of geriatric care including:

- Power, Resilience, Self-Awareness and Compassion in Nursing
- The Future of Care for the Geriatric Population
- Delirium Superimposed on Dementia
- Emergency Preparedness and “Natural /Bacterial Disasters”
- Care /Coordination and Discharge of the Older Patient

All topics were geriatric related and stimulated those of us in the audience to think about

our geriatric patients in our own hospitals and on our units and what improvements to care we might bring.

We networked with nurses across the country listening and learning that we all have the challenges of patient falls, early delirium recognition and treatment, improved communication with the dementia patient, and maintaining the organizations NICHE status.

Engelina Olsthoorn and I will be sharing the information and power point we presented at the NICHE conference titled **“Does Patient Participation in Purposeful Rounding Increase Patient Satisfaction With Sustained Results?”** Tuesday May 8th at the Evidence Based Practice Segment of Nurse Appreciation Week. This project has been on-going on 2 North since November of 2017. We have experienced improved patient satisfaction scores relating to nursing communication.

Our nursing units have made multiple positive changes in practice and documentation to improve the care of the elderly over the last 5 years using information learned from the NICHE national conference. We continue to learn and bring back this information to our patient care units, hospital committees and newly developed nursing magnet councils to promote our work as patient advocates and improvers of care for the elderly and for all our patients.

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