



Nursing News December 2021



Congratulations to:

- **Patrice Cook, RN, ICU** for advancing to a Level III on the clinical ladder.
- **Doreen Gallagher, Clinical Professional Development Educator Psych** for graduating from the Northwell Health EBP Fellowship.
- **Ashley Sanda, RN, 3North** for advancing to a Level III on the clinical ladder.
- **Matthew Thompson, RN, OR** for advancing to a Level III on the clinical ladder.



Doreen Gallagher

Kudos to All!

Organizational Development Department Classes: **Register in iLearn**

- **CPI (Renewal)** – January 5, 9:00am- 1:00pm Auditorium
- **CPI (Initial)** – January 27, 8:00am-4:00pm, Auditorium
- **Being in Charge** – January 24, 8:30am-4:30pm, Auditorium
- **Evidence Based Nursing Practice Workshop** – January 25, 9:00am-1:00pm, Auditorium
See attached 2022 schedules.

Educational Opportunities:

- Psychiatric-Mental Health RN Certification Live Virtual Review Course:

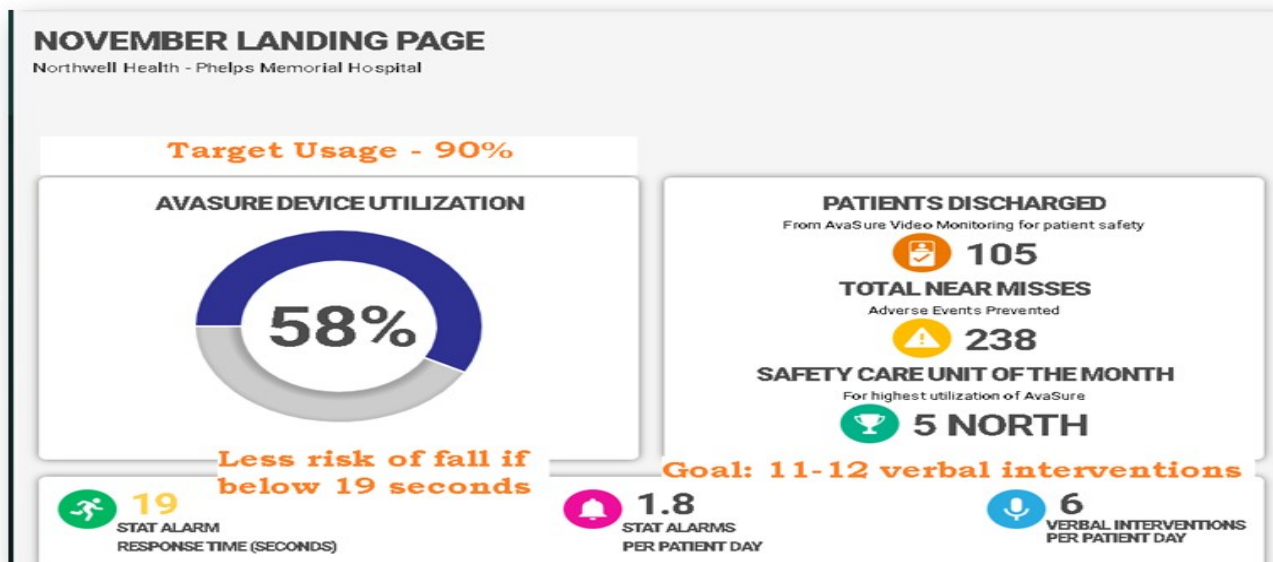
Part 1: Monday, January 31, 2022 4:00pm-7:00pm EST
Part 2: Thursday, February 3, 2022 4:00pm-7:00pm EST
Part 3: Monday, February 7, 2022 4:00pm-7:00pm EST
Part 4: Thursday, February 10, 2022 4:00pm-7:00pm EST
 Cost - \$325 for Northwell RNs, Register through iLearn

Calls for Abstracts:

Northwell Health's Zucker School of Medicine will be sponsoring the 2022 Annual Academic Competition and Research Symposium. Abstracts due January 19, 2022. *See attached flyer.*

Telesitter Corner:

Reminder: NEVER unplug the camera without notification first. It is critical to phone x3518 or Vocera "Telesitter" prior to unplugging the telecamera for any reason. The Avasure technology saves important data that is lost when the camera becomes unplugged. This is the equivalent of a computer shutting down in the middle of documentation where everything is deleted. Please don't be the cause of deleted data!



Kudos to 5 North for continuing to be the **Safety Care Unit of the Month!**

Opportunity to improve - verbal interventions decreased from Oct.

Positive – the stat alarm response time improved

Organ Donor Champion:

Anyone interested in becoming an Organ Donor Champion please contact Rebecca O'Brien, ANM of 5North at x 3356 or email at robrien@northwell.edu

Mentoring:

Looking for RN Mentors for the Northwell Nursing Mentor-Mentee Program for the Entry to Practice track! Share your valuable professional experience as a mentor. Submit application by January 10, 2022. *See attached flyer.*

Nursing Policies and Meditech Changes:

☒ Pain Assessment, PCA Assessment & Handoff of PCA / Controlled Substances

12/16/2021 → DONE

(See attached PAIN RESOURCE)

☐ Blood Product Administration Documentation [Meditech] →

1/11/2022

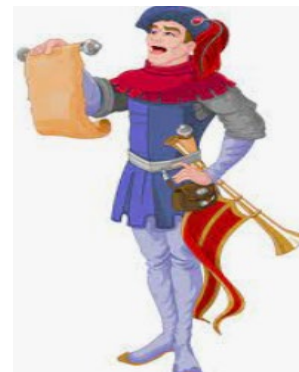
☐ Med/Surg Documentation → **01/31/2022**

[Re-Design Team → Reduce number of “CLICKS” by 40%]

- ADM Interview
- SHIFT Assessment (Med/Surg)
- Diet and Feeding Assessment
- Advance Directives
- ADM Skin Risk Alerts

☐ In Development → **02/2022**

- Chest Tube & Pleural Catheter Assessment (*Aspira/Pleurx*)
- Gastric Tube Assessment
- ?? Other??? Your suggestions....



Contact Carolynn Young, RN, CNS → send me your questions/comments at cyoung10@northwell.ed

Journal Club:



Please check out and blog on our **new** on-line Journal Club articles from:

- ❖ Gerry Dy, MSN, RN, CNOR, OR
- ❖ Paulo Poyaoan, BSN, WCC, Wound Healing Institute
- ❖ Matthew Thompson, BSN, RN, CNOR, OR

Link to the nursing website: <https://1065226.site123.me/>

Nursing Website:

With the new year approaching, I am reaching out to all nurses for suggestions to improve YOUR nursing website.

- Are there pages you would like added?
☐ Expand?
- Is there information you do not find useful?
☐ Declutter?
- Do you find the website difficult to navigate?
☐ Streamline?
- Do you know how to easily access the website?
☐ Add as favorites or shortcut in google chrome?
- What would make you the nurse want to visit the website?
☐ Spark interest?



PLEASE EMAIL KATHY CALABRO WITH ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE
KCALABRO@NORTHWELL.EDU OR 914-366-3508

Materials Ops:

Materials Ops have added **Clorox Germicidal Bleach Wipes** – Individual packs to the pars listed below. They are placed next to the individual purple Sani-Wipes.

ICU – Med Room

5N – Med Room

5S – Med Room

4S – Well Baby Nursery Cabinet

Endo – Cabinet behind nursing desk

3N – Med Room

ASU – Clean Storage Room
PACU – Cabinet in Med Room
2C – Med Room
2N – Locked Storage Closet by nursing station
1S – Locked Storage Closet
ER – Main Supply Room



Infection Control and Prevention:

The Clorox wipes should be used to clean the **glucometers** for patients who are on C. diff Contact Isolation. The orange top bleach wipes can be obtained from Materials Op for cleaning other patient equipment for C. diff Contact isolation. However, only the Clorox wipes have been approved for use on the glucometer.

Be on the lookout for **outdated/ expired items** in your department. Expired items tend to be in closets, cabinets, drawers, med rooms, and throughout your area. Items may include but are not limited to:

- Medical supplies
- Blood Tubes
- Medications
- IV solutions

A reminder from SPD:

Peel Packs have an *Event Related Expiration*

- Good unless the packaging is compromised
 - Only return if compromised
 - Ripped, crushed, bent, wet, dropped
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Magnet Moments:

Clinical nurses bring tidings of great joy!

At our December Shared Governance meetings, we recognized our council chairs and celebrated the accomplishments of all of you for 2021. There were many... THANK YOU!

Recruitment, Retention & Recognition (RRR) - We appreciated the celebrations during the year and discussed ways to continue to recognize our nurses and teams in 2022.

New Knowledge & Innovation (NKI) - Thanks to **Judy Kennedy, RN, MCH** who has chaired this council for 4 years. She will stay on the council to support **Fareeda Ahmed, RN, OR** as the new chair. We invite all nurses to complete CITI training so that you can participate in future research studies.

Professional Practice & Development (PPD) - Thanks to **Candice Johnson, RN, 5 North**, who has chaired this council for two years (will be joining the RRR council); we are thrilled that **Tahler Cambriello, RN, ICU** will be taking the helm! We discussed the process for providing peer feedback since it is not yet ready in MyExperience. Stay tuned for an email with link to complete peer feedback shortly.

Quality & Safety - Thanks to **Kelley Kissane, RN, Organizational Development** (new chair this year and awesome job!) and Rachel Ansaldo, RN, ASU, who has chaired this council for 3 years. We continue to monitor our unit performance and identify areas of opportunity to improve patient outcomes. We discussed having a Quality and Safety Fair in early 2022 to showcase the great work of our teams.

CNO Advisory - Thanks to **Mary McDermott, RN, Sr. VP Patient Care Services/CNO** for always making the time to listen to our nurses and provide updates on what's happening at Phelps. This council is open to all nurses so we encourage you to attend.

Our councils are successful because our chairs prepare meaningful agendas. We need nurses from every unit/service to join, participate and contribute to advance excellent patient care as we continue on our journey toward Magnet Re-Designation. Why not consider joining a council as a 2022 New Year's Resolution?

Hope you and yours enjoy a very safe, peaceful and joyful holiday season,
Judy Dillworth, RN

If you would like to submit information for publication please contact: Kathy Pappas, Organizational Development, at kpappas2@northwell.edu or ext. 3169. Thank you to all the contributors.

Wishing you and your families a Happy and Healthy 2022!

Thank you for all that you do for our patients each and every day!