

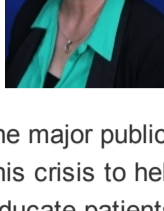


ISPN Connections Fall 2018 Issue

Welcome to the fall issue of *Connections*. In this newsletter, we join our colleagues across the globe who are focusing on the opioid crisis. Giving us both US and UK perspectives, we thank our esteemed contributors, Drs. Diane Snow and Steven Pryjmachuk, respectively, for their thoughtful and timely columns.

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The Opioid Crisis: What is The US Response?

Diane Snow, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, FAANP, FIAAN

With the rapidly rising number of deaths in this country from opioid overdose, it is important to be informed about recent initiatives at both federal and state levels to reduce the major public health problems caused by opioids. We are challenged by this crisis to help shape health policy at all levels, identify patients at risk, educate patients and their families, encourage treatment for OUD, and promote safety.

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Collaborative Care Planning in Mental Health: The Way Forward?

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One of the benefits of being a member of an international organisation like ISPN is that members get to compare different health systems and approaches to care. Often, the US leads in health care innovations, yet one area in which the UK is perhaps more advanced is 'co-production' of care. Co-production is very much in vogue in UK mental health care at the moment. It is a philosophy best summed up by the phrase 'no decision about me without me'—a phrase central to a governmental review of the National Health Service (NHS) in England a few years ago. It is underpinned by collaborative care planning and shared decision making, processes in which the health professional and patient work together as equal partners to jointly produce a plan of care. It has been enthusiastically embraced by mental health nurses in particular, who are the largest occupational group in the UK mental health workforce.

Yet it may just be rhetoric.

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NCC: Conference Request Letter on Final Opioid Package

Last month the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), of which ISPN is a member, released this update:

[Conference Request Letter on Final Opioid Package](#)

Forty-seven members of the Nursing Community Coalition [including ISPN] signed on to a letter, sent to Congressional Leadership and the committees of jurisdiction, urging the inclusion of Section 3003 of H.R. 6 in any final opioid package. This provision would permanently authorize nurse practitioners and physician assistants to prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatments (MATs) and would provide a five-year authorization for certified registered nurse anesthetists, certified nurse-midwives, and clinical nurse specialists to do so as well.

Update: Conference discussions on an [opioid package](#) have been finalized. Included in the conferenced opioid package is Section 3201, previously listed as Section 3003, which would permanently authorize nurse practitioners and physician assistants to prescribe Medication-Assisted Treatments (MATs) and provide a five-year authorization for the other three APRN roles to do so as well.

The House and Senate are expected to vote on the conferenced legislation in early October.

NCC includes 60 members in a cross-section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession.

Call for Abstracts for ISPN 2019 is Open!



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**Critical Conversations with Psychiatric Nurses:
Preparing for the Next Decade
May 29-June 1, 2019
Charlotte Marriott City Center Hotel
Charlotte, North Carolina, "The Queen City"**

**The Call for Abstracts for the ISPN Annual Conference
is now open!**

**The deadline for both General Submissions
and Student Posters is October 31, 2018,
at 12:00 midnight Pacific Time.**

[Review Abstract Guidelines Here](#)

[Submit Your Abstract](#)

The ISPN Board approved integrating the Psychopharmacology Institute Pre-conference into the main conference as a specific "track" for the 2019 conference. This means psychopharmacology sessions and continuing education credits will be available at the annual meeting for attendees who need them.

Abstracts will be sorted into five categories:

- Research
- Evidence-Based Practice
- Education/Teaching Pedagogy
- Leadership Development
- Psychopharmacology

Annual Conference Objectives:

- Evaluate the academic and continuing education issues that continue to emerge in the 21st century
- Examine mental health care issues through scholarly inquiry
- Synthesize new trends in Evidence-Based Practice to enhance mental health care delivery
- Identify innovative leadership strategies to advance the profession
- Identify the role of advanced practice nursing in providing psychopharmacological care.
- Examine a psychopharmacological issue related to a specific population.

Mark your calendar for ISPN 2019: May 29-June 1, 2019, and check the website for more information.

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MEMBER NEWS

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If you haven't yet renewed your ISPN membership, please take a moment to do so [here](#).

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Global Health Opportunity: Nurse Educators

Seed Global Health is looking for Nurse/Midwife Educators (including those with expertise in mental health) to serve in Uganda, Malawi, or Zambia for one year as faculty in 2019-2020.

This is a great opportunity for advanced practice nurses and especially nursing faculty interested in global health to spend a year teaching alongside local faculty at universities and colleges in the Colleges of Nursing in these resource-limited countries. Seed would prefer current or retired faculty, but those who have not taught at college/university level may still be eligible.

Additional information is available [here](#). To apply, visit [here](#).

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With the holidays coming, this is a great time to join iGive and let your shopping help raise funds to support grants, awards and scholarships. It is an easy and painless way to support the ISPN Foundation.

Applications for ISPN Foundation Scholarships and Awards

The ISPN Foundation will accept applications for grants, awards, and scholarships on January 7, 2019, until February 28, 2019. Applications will be accepted for:

- **ISPN Foundation Joyce Fitzpatrick Psychiatric Nursing Research Grant:** \$3,000
- **Mental Health and Wellness Research Project or Clinical Inquiry Project Grant:** \$1,500
- **Annual Conference Travel Scholarships** for members and students: \$750

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