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The International Society of Psychiatric Consultation-Liaison Nurses

The International Society of Psychiatric Consultation Liaison Nurse (ISPCLN) Division of ISPN represents advanced practice psychiatric nurses who work with patients/families, who are treated within the healthcare system due to physical illness(es), injuries, and physical dysfunction. The psychiatric consultation liaison nurse (PCLN) provides direct care to patients/ families. Additionally, the PCLN provides consultation, participates in collaborative teams, and develops educative relationships with nurses and other healthcare providers to enhance their knowledge, skills and advance clinical practice in diverse healthcare environments. These environments include but are not limited to; acute care hospitals, emergency departments, urgent care settings, primary care practices, rehabilitation facilities, long term care facilities, assisted living environments, acute and chronic pain programs, home care and mobile outreach teams.

ISPCLN Goals:

- Promote mental health of individuals and families (across the life span) who are experiencing physical illness(es) and or injury.
- Promote advanced practice in psychiatric consultation liaison nursing.
- Enhance the knowledge and skills of nurses in addressing the biopsychosocial aspects of care.
- Develop organizational partnerships to effectively address the ongoing needs of our membership as the landscape of healthcare in general and psychiatric consultation liaison nursing continues to evolve and change.

ISPCLN Publications and Resources:

- **Practice Guideline for the Advanced Practice Nurse: Alcohol Withdrawal in the Acute Care Setting** is being revised and will be titled: **Practice Guideline for the Advanced Practice Nurse: Alcohol Withdrawal in the Acute and Emergency Care Setting**. The first edition of this guideline was very successful as it was developed as an evidence-based guideline by practicing experts in the daily practice of psychiatric and addictions consultation. The second edition promises to be an equally excellent guideline with the latest assessments, evidence based practices and rich resources for the advanced practice nurse to use quickly at the bedside.
- **Position Statement: Assessment and Treatment of the Patient with Alcohol Dependence and Withdrawal in the Acute Care Setting** will be revised and ready for review by the membership by March 1, 2014. This position statement will be retitled to **Assessment and Treatment of the Patient with Alcohol Dependence and Withdrawal in the Acute and Emergency Care Settings**.

We are excited about the work being accomplished by our members. It is crucial for PCLN's to develop and maintain a close network of peers for support, encouragement and mentorship to challenge our thinking. Becoming a member of the ISPCLN Division of ISPN is an excellent way to achieve the connectedness with other practicing PCLN's around the world.

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