Mission
UNC Health Care Nursing Professional Development, Practice and Research is committed to offering quality, innovative, continuing education activities to nurses.

Exhibitors
Educational exhibits of products and services relating to the topic will be presented.

Registration/General Information
Early registration is suggested due to limited seating. Options for registration are:

1. Complete the registration form and mail it along with a check for the full registration fee.
2. Mail or fax the registration form and call 919-843-1417 with a credit card. All major credit and debit cards are accepted.

Please feel free to make copies of this brochure for your nursing colleagues. Registration includes course materials, contact hours, lunch and breaks. Registration confirmation will be sent by email only on September 9, 2010.

Refunds/Cancellations
Cancellations and requests for refunds will be honored if received five (5) working days prior to the event. A $40.00 administrative fee will be deducted from all refunds. UNC Health Care reserves the right to cancel any event not meeting the established minimum enrollment five (5) days prior to the event.

The William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education
Directions: Take Exit #273 from Interstate 40 and head West on Highway 54 towards Chapel Hill. Approximately 1.5 miles from the 273 exit, turn LEFT at the traffic light onto Friday Center Drive. The Friday Center is on the right side of Friday Center Drive. Please park in the lot on the left side of the Friday Center. Due to variable temperatures in the conference rooms, please dress in layers. If you would like information on accommodations, directions or addresses for MapQuest™ or GPS, call 919-843-1417.

Accreditation
UNC Health Care Nursing Professional Development, Practice and Research is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the North Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

To nurse is a field of which one may safely say: There is no end in what we may be learning every day.
Florence Nightingale

An Interdisciplinary Rehabilitation Approach to Adult Spinal Cord Injury
Friday September 17, 2010
The William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education
Chapel Hill, NC

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Description

Regardless of the severity of spinal cord injury, it permanently alters the life of the person affected. From the acute rehabilitation phase into the chronic stage, each step presents challenges requiring the attention of a professional multidisciplinary care team.

We are very pleased to collaborate with the UNC Health Care Rehabilitation Center’s Spinal Cord Injury Program on this event. Our conference will address many issues related to spinal cord injury patients following their injury. This conference will discuss the rehabilitation nurse’s role in maximizing potential for SCI survivors. A team of therapists from the UNC Inpatient Rehabilitation Center Spinal Cord Injury Team will discuss their specialized care and how the interdisciplinary therapy team works together to provide comprehensive care. Physiatrists who specialize in the care of SCI survivors will present research and information on bone health and cardiac disease in aging as related to SCI. We will conclude by exploring neuropsychology’s role in enhancing SCI survivors’ quality of life and its implications for their significant others after injury.

Objectives

- Describe the nurse’s role in maximizing functional potential in patients with spinal cord injuries.
- Identify the various therapies involved with care for the SCI patient during the acute rehabilitation phase and describe how the team functions collaboratively to provide care.
- Discuss the occurrence of cardiac disease in aging people with chronic SCI.
- Identify problems related to bone health in SCI patients and interventions to prevent and treat them.
- Describe the many aspects of quality of life and how to maximize this for SCI patients and their significant others.

Target Audience

Nurses and other health care professionals working with spinal cord injury patients in a variety of care settings.