

**National Institutes of Health  
Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center  
Nursing and Patient Care Services**

**Nursing Practice Council  
Minutes  
March 18, 2004**

**Chair: Julie Kohn**  
**Chair-elect: Ann Marie Matlock**  
**Administrative Support: Helen Mayberry**

**I. Announcements**

**A. From the Chair**

1. New NPC members acknowledged and welcomed.
2. NPC members reminded that each PCU has been given the opportunity to submit a brief description of their program for the Nurses' Week.
3. Photograph of NPC members taken for Nurses' Week brochure.

**B. From the Chief – Ms. Chisholm reported on behalf of Dr. Hastings:**

1. A report on outcomes achieved in recent NM/CNS retreats is deferred till April 2004.
2. The CC has maintained a sustained and unprecedented high census.
3. Ms. Peduzzi and all programs who participate in the POCT programs were acknowledged for their participation in the successful CAP Survey.
4. An overview of the CRC and CRIS timelines was provided.
5. Nurses' Week will be celebrated May 6-12, 2004.
6. Administrative Support Week will be celebrated April 20, 2004.

**C. Others**

1. Ms. Daine provided an update on status of the Gemstar implementation process. Kudos to staff for their perseverance with this effort.
2. Ms. Daine also acknowledged the University of Maryland's ACC victory over Duke University. Mr. Kosiorowski was presented with a cake. NPC will await the final outcome of the NCAA tournament.

**II. Agenda Review** – The agenda was endorsed with only the deletion of the scheduled Competency Program discussion; deferred till April 2004. **Minutes** approved without change.

**III. NPC Requests**

- A. 04-03-01** – nurses report continued difficulty wasting controlled substance infusions in the PYXIS Medstation. CPC will follow-up and make recommendations to the POL: Handling of Controlled Substances.
- B. 04-03-02** – nurses request direction on the correct procedure for disposing of controlled substances when brought from home; specifically, should these products be sent to the Pharmacy, should a nurse discard, and where should this be documented. CPC will follow-up and make recommendations to the POL: Handling of Controlled Substances.
- C. 04-03-03** – Request to modify documentation policy to facilitate “charting by exception.” Ms. Daine accepted on behalf of the Executive Team.
- D. 04-03-04** – Requestor not present. Ms. Kohn will follow-up and will report back in April 2004.

**IV. Policies, SOPs, and PROs**

- A.** SOP: Ommaya Reservoir – approved as submitted.
- B.** PRO: Ommaya Reservoir – approved with 2 recommended changes
  1. clarify language regarding labeling of an empty sterile vial to include drug product label.
  2. clarify suggestion to wear 2 gloves by stating, “double glove.”
  3. consider specifying the exact type of sterile chemotherapy glove to be used
- C.** PRO: Monitoring Neuromuscular Blockade Using the Peripheral Nerve Stimulator – approved for deletion in favor of AACN Manual (on-line).

**V. Agenda Requests**

- A.** Program of Care Competencies