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Presentations:

Faculty presented at the [American Association of Critical-Care Nurses 2023 National Teaching Institute](#) in Philadelphia, PA on May 22-24, 2023.

- **Dr. Anna Alder** and Sarah Wells co-facilitated a concurrent session titled [Better Together: Building Bridges Between Emergency and Critical Care to Promote Health Equity](#).

- Desiree Hodges, **Dr. Anna Alder**, Nguyen Duong, and Deborah Hurley facilitated a panel discussion titled [Leveraging Diversity Toward a Healthy Work Environment](#).
- **Kirsten Schmutz** presented a poster titled *Nurses Are Superheroes*.

Faculty, a post-doctoral fellow, and a doctoral student presented at the [16th International Family Nursing Conference](#) in Dublin, Ireland on June 21-23, 2023. The conference theme was Global Innovations in Family Nursing: Advancing Family Health.

- **Eileen Engh** and **Dr. Kathy Sward** presented a poster titled *Parents Seeking Information about Rare Diseases – A Dynamic Sociotechnology Theory Scaffolds the Methods Used to Conduct a Study*.
- **Dr. Lauri Linder**, **Dr. Christine Platt**, **Dr. Jia-Wen Guo**, and Kristin Stegenga presented a poster titled *Evaluation of the Content Validity and Reading Level of Instruments to Measure Symptom Self-management Behaviors in School-age Children with Cancer and their Parents*.
- **Dr. Christine Platt**, Thaddeus Pace, Sheila Gephart, Brennan Platt, Jana Hunsley, and Helena Morrison presented a podium presentation titled *Salivary cortisol as a biomarker within foster family caregiving dyads: A pilot study*.

Events:

On May 11-12, 2023, the grant team for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funded Utah Rural Opioid Healthcare Consortium – Collaborative Care Model (UROHC-CCM): Building Interprofessional and Community-based Substance Use Disorder Recovery Teams in East Central Utah held their first student summit on the Utah State University Eastern campus in Price, UT. College of Nursing members of the UROHC-CCM team include **Dr. Linda Edelman**, **Megan McClure**, **Christopher Hernandez**, **Dr. Zoe Robbins**, **Dr. Larry Garrett**, and **Dr. Brenda Luther**. The keynote speaker was Rev. Michelle Mathis, co-founder and Executive Director of [Olive Branch Ministry](#). Rev. Mathis is an expert in creating faith-based community initiatives in North Carolina and worldwide. Many community leaders provided presentations and group work:

- [Association for Utah Community Health](#) (AUCH)
- Castlevew Hospital's [Bridge Program](#)
- [Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness](#) (USARA)
- [Mountain Plains Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network](#)
- Utah State University [Tribal and Rural Opioid Initiative](#) (TROI)
- University of Utah Division of Public Health
- Utah State University [Health Extension: Advocacy, Research & Teaching](#) (HEART)

Student attendees provided positive feedback about the event:

- “I learned how to change my view on SUD (substance use disorders) and that I had some bias I was not aware of. I look forward to applying topics to my own experiences.”
- “The summit provided me incredible content and taught me so much about SUD, harm reduction, and struggles that are frequently faced.”
- “Very informative for me to hear the ‘Voices of Recovery’! I learned about resources I can bring into my practice.”

Kristy Gauthier and **Dr. Ann Butt** attended [INACSL23](#) – the [International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning](#) annual conference – in Providence, RI on June 14-17, 2023. The conference theme was Imagining the Future of Simulation.

Publications:

Eaton J, Neller S, Fernandez Cajavilca M, Johnson JK, **Ellington L**. Iterative review and revision of the Enhancing Active Caregiver Training (EnACT) intervention. *J Alzheimers Dis Rep*. 2023;7(1):461-467. <https://doi.org/10.3233/ADR-220096>

Platt C, Gephart S, Platt B. Middle-range theory of the adapting foster family: Mathematical modeling in nursing science. *Nurs Sci Q*. 2023;36(3):273-281. doi:[10.1177/08943184231169750](https://doi.org/10.1177/08943184231169750)

Sharareh N, Seligman H, Adesoba TP, **Wallace AS**, Hess R, Wilson FA. Food Insecurity disparities among immigrants in the United States. *AJPM Focus*. 2023. Epub ahead of print. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.focus.2023.100113>

Professional Development:

Dr. Kara Dassel was selected as a fellow in the 2023-2024 Class of the [Dementia Palliative Care Clinical Trials Training Program](#) (Dementia PCCT). Participation will be partially virtual and partially on-site in North Carolina, and includes a \$1,400 travel award. The training directly addresses national priorities for dementia research and is grounded on the NIH Stage Model with a strong focus on research rigor, mechanisms, implementation, and scalability. Participants will develop competence in planning, designing, and executing randomized clinical trials in persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.

Dr. Shawna Sisler was accepted into the [Physician Well-being Director course via WellMD & WellPhD](#) at Stanford. The WellMD & WellPhD Center offers this comprehensive six-week virtual leadership educational series designed to empower leaders within organizations and hospitals to create positive change at the local level. The training is centered around the Stanford Model of Professional Fulfillment, which serves as a guide for fostering a culture of wellness. Participants will:

- Learn about factors that contribute to provider well-being, and gain a deep understanding of the various elements that influence the well-being of healthcare professionals.
- Explore translational research in organizational science by learning about the latest research findings in organizational science that focus on strategies and practices that promote professional fulfillment.
- Learn how to apply meaningful and practical frameworks to address and track wellness culture, practice efficiency, and personal resilience; and how to systematically approach improving overall well-being within the workplace.
- Gain appreciation for the importance of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in workplace well-being, and learn how diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging contribute to overall professional fulfillment of healthcare providers.

In the Media:

Dr. Deanna Kepka was featured in a *Pulse News* article titled [Talking to Patients: HPV Vaccination Can Prevent Cancers Later in a Child's Life](#). The article emphasizes that the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is one of the important vaccines that a child should receive. The HPV can cause at least six types of cancer and genital warts. HPV vaccination rates have dropped nearly 20% in the past 20 months.

Best Regards,
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