

Newsletter

Fall 2008



President's Letter...

I hope all of you had an enjoyable summer. Your board members have been busy preparing for the Fall Seminar scheduled for October 23. We are planning on a full day of exciting speakers, and of course a great lunch. The flyers were mailed out with all the information and details. We hope to have more attendees than ever before!

I would like to publicly thank our board members for their continued dedication to our CT Chapter and all the hard work they have put in to create these wonderful programs. In addition, I would like to recap some of our activities this year thus far. In April, we had a lovely dinner meeting, sponsored by Cubist Pharmaceuticals at Carmen Anthony's in Wethersfield and the lecture presented by Thomas P. Lodine Jr., Pharm D. Our June dinner meeting, held at the Marriott in Southbury, sponsored by Bard Access Systems highlighted Sandi Pieger, RN, a favorite speaker to CT INS. At that time, we inducted our officers for the coming year. From these two programs, our membership increased by 15 members, now totaling 115. As always, if you are interested in being part of a committee or future board member position, we would love to hear from you!

We are also eager, as your board members, for input regarding topics of interest to you for future dinner meetings and next year's Fall Seminar. It would be great to see more RNs involved at the local level. Are you burning to submit an article or write a review of a particularly interesting medical book or journal you've read? – let us know! Has something exceptional happened in your work setting that has you excited? Maybe, a well-deserved promotion of a colleague, a new piece of equipment that is making your job more efficient, or even a new device that you're using with patients that has made them safer, more comfortable, or has increased your productivity. Why not write a few words to share with our Chapter. We would be happy to publish it in the Newsletter.

I recently received the latest newsletter from INCC (Infusion Nurse's Certification Corporation) – The Chronicle Fall 2008, which listed the current re-certified and newly certified CRNIs. Congratulations to all who have achieved this designation. To quote Kathy Puglise CRNI, and new council chair for INCC, "To be a CRNI is an honor, it means that one is nationally recognized by an accrediting body through examination." For our members who are not credentialed and are interested in sitting for the exam, the CT Chapter has access to study materials for the CRNI exam. There is also a scholarship program, started this year by the INCC and sponsored through a generous grant from Centocor. To apply for the CRNI Certification Examination Scholarship, visit INCC website @ www.incc.org, and select the **What's New** tab. You may also call INCC @ (800)434-INCC.

Hope to see you all in October!

Louise



Did You Know ???

There are many excellent *free educational opportunities for nurses!*

- On October 1, 2008, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will be implementing a provision within the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 that prohibits payment to hospitals for care required to treat several types of hospital-acquired condition.

In September, INS and Massachusetts Hospital Association (MHA) presented a series of 2 webinars on the New CMS Ruling.

- Module 1: *Overview and Effect of the New CMS Ruling*
- Module 2: *Infection Prevention Strategies to Prepare for the New CMS Ruling*

Visit the INS website at www.ins1.org to learn how to register for upcoming as well as archived programs. There is no charge to national INS and MHA members.

Other Topics of Interest:

- Catheter Patency Series: *Flushing away the Myths - Alternatives to Heparin in Locking and Maintaining Central Venous Access Devices*
- INS 2008 Flushing Protocols: Laminated cards now available on the INS website! Visit www.ins1.org.
- 2008 INS Annual Meeting from May 3 - 8, 2008 on CD-Rom: This CD includes the special 5-hour



Email us anytime!!

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The Connecticut Chapter Infusion Nurses Society *Presents*

The 2008 Fall Seminar
Advancing Excellence:
Emerging Therapies
and Technologies

Register Early...
Seating is
limited!!

Thursday October 23, 2008

7:30 am Registration & Vendors

Continental Breakfast -

Sponsored by

Bard Access Systems

8:30 am Opening Remarks

Louise Fortier, RN, CRNI

Chapter President

8:45 am Hot Legal Issues with Vascular

Access Devices

Sue Masoorli, RN

Sponsored by INS CT Chapter

9:45 am Catheter Related Blood Stream

Infections

Darcy Doellman, RN, BSN, CRNI

Sponsored by 3M

10:45 am Break

11:00 am Intra-osseous Access

Michell Fox, RN, BSN

Sponsored by Healthcare

Technologies

12:00 pm Lunch and Vendors

1:45 pm Closed Catheter Systems

Karla Ward, RN, MS

Sponsored by Becton Dickinson

2:45 pm Needle Free Connectors: What's

Device Design Got to Do With It?

Marcia Ryder, RN, MS, Ph.D.

Infection Control Educator

Sponsored by ICU Medical, Inc.

3:45 - 4:15 pm Scholarship, Raffle,

Evaluations

Come join us for an exciting
day!!

CT INS Chapter Member FEE: \$50.00

Non-Member FEE: \$65.00

Mail registration with check payable to CT Chapter
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Raffles!!



Giveaways!

See Flyer for Registration form and directions to

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