TO: Geriatric Nursing Education and Clinical Symposium
Conference Committee

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RE: Abstract submission for conference

I am submitting an abstract for the conference “Geriatric Nursing Education and Clinical Symposium”. We would like to present it for a poster presentation.

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Abstract content area: Academic clinical partnerships in best geriatric nursing care
Home Care Management of Urinary Incontinence in Community Dwelling Post Menopausal Women
A Pilot Project for University and Community Collaboration

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Intent:
• Provide a professional clinical seminar/workshop and transdisciplinary opportunities for collaboration
• Provide an opportunity for a collaborative educational partnership among university nursing students and a community home nursing care organization
• Increase knowledge of causes, effects, contributing factors and effectiveness of current treatment of incontinence in women who receive home care services.

Description:
Urinary incontinence is a major, often chronic, and often under-reported women’s health issue which creates a social or hygienic problem. Therefore, a program was developed to address the current scientific knowledge and strategies for home care of women with urinary incontinence.
The program was open to:
• Nurses and physical therapist, occupational therapist in a local home care agency.
• Undergraduates and graduate nursing students who were interested in Home Health Care were included as participants on a voluntary basis. Two educational forums were provided for twenty.
• This created the university and clinical community collaboration. This relationship was an opportunity for future educational programs and research on women who receive services from home care agencies.

Evaluations:
A Pre-testing to determine the participant’s knowledge and needs in the area of urinary incontinence in the home were evaluated. After the program was presented, an evaluation, based on the program objectives, was disseminated at the education forum. The outcome of this educational venture serves as a model for future collaboration with university and clinical agencies on homecare of urinary incontinence in women. There is a potential for evaluative research on behavioral interventions and homeopathic therapies in homecare and nursing homes on urinary/fecal incontinence in women.

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