October 2013 Speaker Roster

Dorina Harper, MS, RN, ACNS-BC, CCRN
Dorina is currently the Clinical Nurse Specialist for the Neuro/Neuro-surg/Trauma PCU which is a designated Stroke Unit by The Joint Commission. Dorina has direct responsibility for staff education and clinical and quality oversight for this patient population. She is actively involved with the stroke committee and also a member of the American Association of Neurological Nurses. Dorina have been a critical care nurse since 1989 and am certified in critical care nursing (CCRN).

Brenda Hixon-Vermillion DNP, RN, ACNS-BC, ANP-BC, CCRN
Brenda has more than 20 years experience in critical care nursing, with 8 of those years working as the Clinical Nurse Specialist for the Medical Intensive Care Unit at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. She has strong clinical knowledge in critical care nursing and has also lectured on many critical care topics at the local, regional, and national events, including undergraduate and graduate programs.

Jennifer MacDermott MS, RN, ACNS-BC, NP-C, CCRN
Jennifer has been a nurse for over 7 years in the medical intensive care and trauma intensive care units. With a strong knowledge of critical care nursing, Jen obtained her Advance Practice Nursing degree’s and is currently the Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

Cheryl Newton MSN, RN, CCRN, CRNN
Cheryl has more than 20 years of critical care nursing and is currently the Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Cheryl has a strong clinical knowledge of neurological nursing and the critically ill patient. She has also lectured on a variety of critical care topics at the local, regional and national levels.

Karen Prenger, MS, RN, CNS, CPHQ
Karen has been a critical care nurse for more than 10 years and a Clinical Nurse Specialist for over 18 years. She currently is the CNS for the vascular and thoracic surgery floor in the Ross Heart Hospital at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. In addition to her critical care experience, Karen has her certification in health care quality and has worked with cardiovascular and respiratory patients throughout the healthcare continuum: as an quality analyst for an insurance company, as a case manager for a large cardiovascular physicians group and as the assistant director/nurse in a local free clinic. She is happy to have recently returned to OSU where she got her first experience as a critical care nurse 22 years ago.
Teletha Askew, MS, RN, CCRN
Teletha has 24 year experience as a critical care staff nurse, educator and CNS in PCU and ICU. She currently works as the Thoracic Oncology CNS and serve as a critical care resource in the James Cancer Center. Her teaching experience includes: critical care skills in the Gateway to Critical Care Class and the Advanced Critical Care Class

Jamie St. Clair MS, RN, ACNS-BC, CCRN
Jamie has more than 15 years experience in critical care in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Jamie has strong clinical knowledge in critical care nursing and the critical care patient population and has lectured at different local and regional events.

Tania Von Visger MSN, RN, CCNS, PCCN
Tania has over 20 years experience in critical care nursing and has been the Clinical Nurse Specialist in the 8 Progressive Care Unit for more than 7 years. During this time she obtained her PCCN. Tania has strong clinical knowledge in critical care nursing and has lectured on a variety of topics at the undergraduate, and graduate collegiate level in addition to her speaking engagements at the local, regional and national events.

Sandra Walden MS, RN
Sandy has over 26 years of experience in nursing as an educator and presenter. She has developed, presented and evaluated multiple cardiology nursing courses. She has instructed beginners and advanced levels of ECG interpretation among a variety of cardiology topics at local, regional, and national events. Sandy is currently the Cardiovascular Nursing Educator for the Ross Heart Hospital at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

Michele Weber, DNP, RN, CCNS, CCRN
Michele has been a critical care nurse for more than 17 years and a Clinical Nurse Specialist for over five years. She currently is the CNS for the 8 Rhodes Intensive Care Unit at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. She has lectured on a variety of critical care topics, including cardiovascular nursing, at local, regional, and national events, including undergraduate and graduate programs.

Todd Yamokoski MS, RN, CNS, CCRN
Todd has over 15 years of cardiovascular nursing experience with ten of those years as an Advanced Practice Nurse in the medical cardiology patient population at the Ross Heart Hospital at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. He has spoken at multiple events at the local and national levels regarding cardiology and nursing practice.

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