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Injury prevention seminar

Susan Gallagher, RN, PhD, MA, MSN, WOCN, CBN, HCRM

Dr. Gallagher, Founder and CEO of the Celebration Institute, Inc., Houston, Texas, is a wound ostomy continence nurse, certified bariatric nurse, licensed health care risk manager and certified safe patient handling professional with over 25 years of experience working as a registered nurse and consultant. Dr. Gallagher holds a masters degree in nursing, a master's degree in religion and social ethics, and a PhD in policy ethics as it pertains to obesity. She is a recognized expert in bariatrics, skin and wound care, safe patient handling and movement, and risk and loss control. She served as Senior Bariatric Risk Analyst for Stevens and Lee Lawyers and Consultants from 2004 - 2010, providing on-site practice assessments for over 120 bariatric surgeons and facilities throughout the US. She lectures internationally on the interdisciplinary and organizational approach to patient care. She has appeared in television, radio and video presentations and has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles related to safety, obesity, outcomes, ethics and culture. Dr. Gallagher was the inaugural chair of the WOCN Bariatric sub-committee from 2002 - 2008, and currently serves on the JWOCN editorial board. She also serves on the editorial boards for Ostomy/ Wound Management, Bariatric Times, American Journal for Safe patient Handling and Movement, and Bariatric Nursing and Surgical Patient Care. She has presented at the Safe Patient Handling and Movement Conference for the past eleven years, and served as a reviewer for the VISN 8 Veterans Bariatric Toolkit published by the Patient Safety Center of Inquiry, Tampa Florida. She served as Chair of the National Association of Bariatric Nurses Task Force for Sensitive Care of the Obese Person, and was lead author on the Task Force Report published in 2008. She is on the Executive Board of Directors for the National Association of Bariatric Nurses. In 2009, she was honored with publications in Nursing 2009, Nursing Management, the American Nurses Association Online Journal of Issues in Nursing and many more. She has contributed more than 15 book chapters, 3 | P a g e one of which is in the 2012 Elsevier BOOK OF THE YEAR. Dr. Gallagher recently contributed chapters on bariatric safety in both the Handbook of Hospital Safety 2010 edition, and the 2012 book titled: Epidemic of Medical Errors and Hospital-Acquired Infections. Susan is author of the book titled, The Challenges of Caring for the Obese Patient.

Tracy Nowicki, CLINICAL NURSE CONSULTANT

Tracy is part of an enthusiastic team at a major metropolitan hospital in Brisbane, Queensland. Her department specialises in coordination of equipment, pressure & falls injury prevention and management, care of the bariatric patient, intravenous medication safety and quality risk management across the 600 bed tertiary hospital. A significant focus of Tracy's role is to bring innovation to the development of central equipment management to ensure optimal patient outcomes. Tracy is an animated and well sought after presenter who has shared her passion and expertise on Bariatrics, Pressure Injury Prevention, Standardising Skin Care, Equipment Management and Bed Safety in publications and presentations across Australia and internationally. In 2012 Tracy opened, chaired and presented at Australia's first National Pressure Injury Pressure Conference. Being conversant in Pressure Injury Prevention best practise has seen Tracy involved in the development of Queensland Health guidelines and specialist supplements. She joined other Australian experts on the Guideline Development Steering Committee for the first Pan Pacific Clinical Practice Guideline for the Prevention and Management of Pressure Injury. Tracy has recently been on the review committee for the global 2014 Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcer Guidelines. She believes in fun through learning and looking at new horizons of how we do business.

Stephanie Gettens RN BN

Stephanie is a registered nurse and has a background in general medicine and trauma orthopaedics. Her interest in falls prevention resulted in a position as a falls resource nurse providing support and education to the staff and patients on falls prevention initiatives. This lead to a position as a Principal Project Officer where she is responsible for supporting and coordinating National Standard 8 - Preventing and Managing Pressure Injuries and Standard 10 - Preventing Falls and Harm from Falls for Queensland Hospital and Health Services. Stephanie is currently undertaking a Masters of Philosophy researching the impact falling has on inpatients' confidence and the link between reduced confidence and length of stay

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