



# CNR Research News

Covering Topics Related to Nursing Research & Scholarship

## Upcoming Events

### Stats Rounds



Andres Azuero, PhD

**"A gentle approach to handling missing data"**

October 14, 2009

11a.m.- Noon

CNR 1020

### Faculty Research



David Vance, PhD

**"Project management in HIV research"**

October 30, 2009

12-1 p.m.

## SON Researchers Receive Challenge Grant Funding

UAB School of Nursing professors, **Lynda Wilson, PhD, RN, FAAN** (PI) and **Marti Rice, PhD, RN** (Co-I), have received \$998,903 in NIH Stimulus Funding from the Fogarty International Center for their two year study titled, *"Distance-Based Education for International Study Coordinators"* (1RC1TW008467-01).

This past April NIH received over 20,000 Challenge Grants, with 170 submissions coming from UAB. Nationwide only 200 Challenge Grants were funded and of that number 7 UAB projects have received funding. NIH's intended purpose of the Challenge Grants was to jump-start research that focuses on "...specific knowledge gaps, scientific opportunities, new technologies, data generation or research methods ..."

Dr. Wilson's project will fill a gap in the availability of training programs to prepare international study coordinators to initiate, manage, and coordinate clinical studies, ensuring maintenance of high scientific and ethical standards and adherence to regulatory requirements.

According to Wilson, "Most research coordinators learn their roles 'on the job,' and the lack of adequate training can threaten the quality of clinical research". The purpose of this project is to develop, implement, and evaluate culturally adaptive distance learning courses/applications that will educate research coordinators and enhance the productivity and quality of

active U.S.-International research. Courses will be offered over the WebCT/VISTA distance learning platform; making use of discussion board assignments synchronous internet-based chats and classes.



In addition, the project will also include several innovative distance education strategies including; podcasts, cell phone text messaging, and development of ePortfolios.

Working on the project with Drs. Wilson & Rice are **Carolynn Thomas Jones, RN, MSPH**, Penny Jester, RN, MPH, CCRC, **Dan Murphy, BS**, & **Lauren Antia, BS**. Dr. Wilson believes that the diverse and specialized expertise of her research team was integral in securing funding.



## PORF and You

The SON Protocol Oversight Review Form Panel (PORF) reviews all grant project prior to IRB submission. The PORF review panel is designed so that SON sponsored research is in compliance with current UAB IRB guidelines. **Linda Moneyham, DNS, RN, FAAN**, serves as the faculty Chair for the PORF committee.

*To assist faculty in the preparation of their IRB protocols, the following information is provided:*

All research or projects that require IRB approval **MUST** have PORF review and approval prior to submission to the IRB.

The purpose of the PORF is to assure that appropriate steps are taken to protect the rights and welfare of humans participating as subjects in a research study. To accomplish this purpose, the SON PORF committee will review research protocols and related materials (e.g., informed consent documents, protocols, and investigator brochures).

There is special value in having experienced nurse researchers reviewing nursing research proposals because of their unique perspective and insight into protocols and methods common in nursing research. Through careful review, the PORF committee can identify issues prior to an application being sent to the IRB, bringing an added level of refinement to IRB applications which facilitates a speedy approval.

**It is important for all faculty to follow the procedures;**

1. Download a copy of the PORF from the SON SharePoint site.
2. Prior to PORF review, your Departmental Chair will need to review and sign your application.
3. Submit your application to Dr. Linda Moneyham. Please submit both a hard copy with Departmental Chair signatures & an electronic copy for distribution to the PORF Review Panel.
4. Following review of your application, you will receive feedback and upon approval, the PORF will be signed by Dr. Moneyham who will forward your proposal for review to Dr. Karen Meneses, Associate Dean for Research. Once complete, your protocol will be ready for IRB submission.
5. After IRB review & approval, faculty and students will be required to send IRB approval documents to their Departmental Chairs or Program Coordinator, and to the CNR Director of Grants and Contracts. Administration.

Complete details and PORF documents are available on the SON SharePoint site under "Research & Scholarship".

Faculty must know that the review process takes time and should plan for a minimum of 7 working days prior to the IRB's deadline for review.

If you believe that your project is IRB exempt you must contact Dr. Moneyham for further discussion.

### Looking Ahead...

Patrick McNees, PhD

#### **"Interpreting NIH Scoring"**

**December 14, 2009**

**3:00-4:00**

**CNR 1020**

Carol Dashiff, PhD, RN

#### **"Update on CFRD/CF Project"**

**January 12, 2009**

**12:00-1:00**

**CNR 1020**

Patricia Patrician,  
PhD, RN

#### **Donna Brown Banton Endowed Professor Presentation**

**January 27, 2010**

**3:00-4:30**

**CNR 1020**

More details  
to come, stay  
tuned in!

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