



CNR Research News

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School of Health Professions & School of Nursing Collaboration Results in Grant Funded by NINR

UAB School of Health Professions and School of Nursing Professor **Patrick McNees, PhD, FAAN (MPI)** and School of Nursing Professor **Karen Meneses, PhD, RN, FAAN** received a \$1.3 million R01 award from the National Institute of Nursing Research for their 3 year (2009-2012) study titled, "**Cost-Effectiveness Analysis into Factors Affecting Quality of Life Health Related Research**" (1R01NR011885-01).

The overall goal of the newly funded project is to determine the cost-effectiveness of the telephone-supported Rural Breast Cancer Survivors (RBCS) Intervention Package, a psychoeducational support intervention designed for rural dwelling breast cancer survivors.

The project was submitted in response to the NIH's RFA-NR-09-005, *Incorporating cost-effectiveness analysis into factors affecting quality of life (QOL) health related research.*

Currently the US standard of care for post treatment breast cancer survivors equals very little care. The deficit of care is reduced further for those individuals who live in rural settings. What care is available is often times not covered by conventional insurance and not affordable for most survivors. According to McNees *"Women who are survivors of breast cancer are often times lost in the transition between treatment and survivorship; this transition can have a huge impact on QOL"*.

The RBCS project has sought to create a conduit where care is accessible (financially and geographically) to those living in rural areas. Drs. McNees and Meneses hope to further develop the RBCS intervention with the aim to maximize breast cancer survivor's QOL

at the lowest reasonable cost with the best outcomes, making the opportunities for competent, effective, and informed care.

Ideally, the results of this study will not only allow better determinations of the costs of maintaining the intervention package as a service and the specific effects on breast cancer survivors, but also will provide cost-effectiveness data to effectively educate and inform consumers and healthcare providers.



Dr. Andres Azuero, Dr. Patrick McNees, & Dr. Karen Meneses

As a means to facilitate and expand collaborations across disciplines, Drs. McNees and Meneses have been awarded these funds using the multiple principal investigator (MPI) model. This award will strengthen the ties and research opportunities between the School of Nursing (SON) and the School of Health Professions (SHP).

-Lauren Antia

Upcoming Events

CNR Grants & Contracts Forum



Frank Wiser, MPA

"Everything you wanted to know about research funding"

November 5, 2009, 12-1

Visiting Faculty Research Seminar



Debra Reed, PhD, RN
University of Kentucky

"Urban area-rural reach: farmers on your doorstep"

November 17, 2009, 12-1

Faculty Research Seminar



Patrick McNees, PhD

"Interpreting NIH Scoring"

December 14, 2009, 3-4

SON Grants & Contracts Administration with Frank Wiser, MPA

Effort Reporting

The overall purpose of effort reporting is to comply with federal government mandates to ensure the proper charging of labor costs to federally and non-federally sponsored activities at UAB ensuring appropriate distribution of labor dollars to your effort on research, teaching, and/or administrative activities.

Who has to certify?

This institutional policy applies to all School of Nursing Faculty & Staff who provide a percentage of their effort to UAB projects and/or activities.

Who and what activities are omitted?

Total UAB Effort consists of all activities performed on behalf of UAB. Teaching, research, and administrative activities are all services performed for UAB.

This policy **does not** apply to hourly-paid employees, their effort is accounted for and certified by biweekly timesheets. In addition, it does not apply to some irregular employees whose effort is certified by a UAB project employee.

SON faculty & staff who have professional practice plans and/or clinical activities outside of UAB **should not** be included in the total UAB effort.

External consulting activities or activities compensated by an entity, other than UAB, are also **not included** in total UAB effort.

When do I to certify?

You must certify on a quarterly basis. Effort reports will be generated approximately 15 days after the end of the quarter and distributed for review and certification. Certification of effort reports is required no later than 60 days after the end of a quarter. Reports not certified in this period are considered past due. Effort reports remaining uncertified after the subsequent quarter's effort reports are generated are delinquent. This affects SON's ability to charge labor dollars to a specific grant account if delinquent.

SON Policy and Procedure for Changes in Effort

Is it expected that all SON Faculty & Staff who are required to certify their effort do so in a timely manner to prevent delays in charging appropriate labor costs on contract/grant accounts both internal and external to SON.

Upon notification that you are participating on a contract/grant, please submit the SON funding allocation form to the Director of Grants & Contracts Administration. This is especially important for contracts/grants outside of SON. Timely notification will ensure the appropriate distribution of your labor charges to the SON Administration and to your Department Chair for proper review of workload distribution. This form is located both on the "R" drive and SharePoint.

Any change in effort must be reported to the SON Director of Grants and Contracts Administration **immediately**.

Please see the full text of the UAB Effort Reporting Policy located at <http://uabfinancial.infomedia.com/policies.asp>

Mr. Frank Wiser, MPA is the Director of Grants & Contracts Administration for the UAB SON. For any questions about Effort Reporting or other grant related issues, Mr. Wiser can be contacted at 934-3812 or fwiser@uab.edu



Do you want to learn more about Effort Reporting?

A series of training sessions covering the process of approving or certifying effort reports is available to UAB Employees. From the UAB Home page enter a search for "Effort Reporting Information", from this page you can register for classes.

<http://main.uab.edu/show.asp?durki=79361>

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