



Clinical Councils & Committees 2007-2008



Advanced Practice Council

Advanced Practice Council membership is open to all Advanced Practice Nurses working throughout the Atlanticare organization and those Advanced Practice Nurse Students who are employed by the system. The focus of the council is on the role and development of the APN throughout the various practice settings of the AtlantiCare System.

Contact: Marianne Herman 2-3480

Antimicrobial Management Team

AMT processes and reviews surveillance information pertaining to Infectious Disease and Infection Control issues. The goal is to improve patient care by targeting antimicrobial therapy.

Contact: Paul Cerza 2-7690

AtlantiCare Nurses Memorial Education Fund*

The AtlantiCare Nurses Memorial Education Fund was started in memory of AtlantiCare nurses who have passed away in recent years. The intention of the Fund is to substantially raise the amount of money provided annually to nurses who attend conferences and/or continuing education programs. Members of the committee are responsible for coordinating fundraising efforts. They also will review applications from nurses who are applying for continuing education/conference funding.

Contact: Diana Gillespie 2-7619

Blood Use & Transfusion Committee

The purpose of the committee is to provide an ongoing and systematic assessment of transfusion practices and procedures throughout the Medical Center by monitoring and evaluating key functions and aspects of care/service.

Contact: Rosemary Lamanna 2-75 83

Clinical Policy & Procedure Committee

The Policy & Procedure Committee is a sub-committee of the Clinical Practice Council. The committee is responsible for the development, review and revision of organizational clinical policies, procedures and standards of care based upon best practices.

Contact: Angela Migliaccio 1-8917

Clinical Practice Council*

The Evidence Based Council is a multidisciplinary council comprised of nursing and allied health professionals from all aspects of practice throughout the organization. The council was developed for the main purpose of improving clinical practice by focusing on organizational endeavors, and promoting professional growth.

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Christine Sofield 2-2437

Clinical Quality Council (formerly Patient Care Leadership Council)

The Clinical Quality Council is a multidisciplinary council comprised of leadership representatives throughout the organization. The council focuses on performance improvement activities, patient focused functions, and organizational clinical initiatives.

Contact: Robyn Begley 1-8131

Institutional Review Committee*

The Institutional Review Committee (IRC) reviews the ethical practice of the hospital in respect to aspects of research and patient care with the intent to regularly review research involving human subjects, subjecting investigative proposals to the scrutiny of a number of persons with a wide range of perspectives.

Contact: Peggy Worthington 1-8029

MedSTAR

Medication Safety Tactics to Alleviate Risk is a team comprised of representatives from nursing, pharmacy and administration to ensure medication safety. The team conducts Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA) regarding a medication process in order to determine all of the potential problems or failures before an adverse event occur.

Contact: Sandra Garrett-Baggs 1-8047

Medical Management

A continuous quality improvement project on adult patients with Pneumonia, Acute Myocardial Infarction and Congestive Heart Failure. It is a multidisciplinary team effort working together to ensure the delivery of the nationally recognized standard of care. Our team focuses on increasing the use of appropriate care process to improve patient outcomes.

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Night Shift Committee

The night shift committee focuses on and oversees bringing in Health & Wellness, education committees and projects into the night shift staff during night hours. The committee members time requirements are night shift focused, such as presenting new policies and new forms to their peers, helping with the night shift health fairs and performing PPD's and flu shots to all departments during their night hours.

Contact: Cathy Clark 2-4055

Nursing Advisory Council

NAC provides a forum to facilitate communication among staff nurses throughout the organization. Enables staff nurses to demonstrate autonomy and responsibility regarding unit operations and clinical issues identified at the unit forum level, including , but not limited to education, clinical practice, quality improvement, staff satisfaction, customer satisfaction and safety issues. Trends in issues that impact nursing across the organization are discussed and action steps identified and implementation monitored.

Contact: Susan Fisher-Brown 2-3453

Nursing Management Council

The Nursing Management Council is chaired by the Vice President of Nursing and comprised of nursing leaders throughout the organization. The council focuses on organizational nursing initiatives.

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Liz Readeau 2-3483

Nursing Research Council*

The Nursing Research Council promotes the conduct, evaluation and practice integration of nursing research at ARMC. The NRC encourages and assists individuals through the research process, oversees the availability of ARMC research resources, facilitates research application submission to the ARMC Institutional Review Board and assists in disseminating research findings.

Contacts: Peggy Langel 2-4017
Louise Baca 2-7200

Nutrition Care Committee*

Nutrition care is important for our patients and ourselves. This multidisciplinary committee addresses nutrition policies and practices for inpatients and employees. We are a subcommittee of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and look at nutrition support, diet therapy and wellness issues related specifically to nutrition.

Contact: Joyce Brody 2-3440

Pain Management Committee*

The Pain Management task force team is a multidisciplinary group whose primary objective is to develop and promote an institutional commitment to improving quality and safety to pain management for our patients. The group meets quarterly to discuss a variety of clinical issues and makes recommendations for ARMC practice, policy and procedure.

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Palliative Care Committee*

Emphasizes "Living and Living Well."

It is an innovative approach to treating the whole person - body, mind and spirit. Palliative care is a multidisciplinary team working together to provide compassionate, quality care to patients. The group meets to discuss a variety of clinical issues and makes recommendations for ARMC practice, policy and procedure.

Contact: Marianne Herman 2-3480

Patient & Family Education Committee*

Are you creative? Do you care about patients and families? Do you want to make an impact? Be a part of a dynamic team! This team helps establish guidelines regarding the education of patients and families.

Contact: Grissel Hernandez 2-4077

Patient Care Leadership Council (see Clinical Quality Council)

Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee*

P&T is a physician-led multidisciplinary committee chartered by the medical staff of ARMC. It's primary area of focus is to develop and maintain the ARMC drug formulary as well as policies and procedures that govern medication management within the hospital.

Contact: Joe Gerace 2-4018

Professional Development & Recognition Council

An ARMC Nursing Council that promotes professionalism in the field of Nursing and recognizes nursing accomplishments, skills and talents. The council supports and advocates for nursing research, nursing recognition and professional development.

Contacts: Bernie Paolini 2-3816
Lori Quirk 2-7630

Restraint Committee*

This committee analyzes seclusion/restraint monitoring and action plans. The restraint committee also ensures hospital compliance to standards and regulations and provides education and support for restraining episodes.

Contact: Eileen Powell 2-4037

Safe Patient Handling Committee*

The Safe Patient Handling Committee is multi-disciplinary and includes representatives from Nursing, Education, Administration, Safety Office, Occupational Medicine, Physical Therapy and many others. In an effort to encourage a culture of physical safety throughout the AtlantiCare organization the committee develops ideas and activities to promote the safe handling of our patients while reducing staff injuries.

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Safe Practices for Administering Medications

SPAM Team consists of nurses from a variety of practice settings throughout the organization and clinical pharmacists. The overall goal of the SPAM team is to promote and facilitate organizational and unit/departmental medication safety and reduce harm from medication variances.

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Starfish Fund Committee

The AtlantiCare Starfish Fund was created by employees to help employees experiencing financial needs due to a medical, personal, or disaster situation. The team to support the fund is made up of employees and clinical staff who share in the satisfaction of helping someone. Employees seeking assistance complete a Starfish Fund application and return it to Human Resources. At that, time designated committee member acts as a liaison and relays the information to all committee members via email for discussion, a final decision, and referrals to other agencies if applicable.

Contacts: Campus Human Resources AC 1-8086
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Sedation & Analgesia Committee

The Sedation Committee consists of the Department Chair of Anesthesiology and members of units where sedation is administered. The goal of this committee is to promote safe practice through competent staff according to the standards and guidelines by monitoring and evaluating sedation/analgesia. Revisions to policy and procedure are implemented by this committee based on evidence based practice.

Contact: Karen Carlson 2-3437

Skin Care Committee*

The team members assist in updating their units on collaborative tasks and accomplishments, assist with one hospital wide prevalence survey a year and remind staff to complete their BRADEN SCORES. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month on both campuses; check out the Nursing web page for locations, times and more information.

Contact: Diane Maggio 2-2499

STEPS Clinical Advisory Team

The CAT was established in an effort to collaborate with InfoShare to automatic clinical process to enhance our patient safety efforts through online clinical documentation, computerized prescriber order entry, patient identification and bar coding.

Contact: Kathy Spencer 1-8952

Telemetry Champions Committee

This committee consists of RNs from both day and night shift from all TLM units to discuss data collection of adherence to TLM Standards of Care. This committee is also serves as a unit resource for TLM compliance.

Contact: Linda Aho 2-4062
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TURN Team (Together Ulcer Reduction Now)

The TURN Team is a group of managers and directors working with the NJHA Pressure Ulcer Collaborative on the reduction of hospital acquired ulcers.

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Unit Based Nursing Forum

A shared governance group comprised of unit representatives including, but not limited to Nursing, PCAs, AAs, and other appropriate team members. The goal of the forum is to empower nurses by providing a vehicle for autonomy and responsibility regarding the unit operations and clinical issues, such as scheduling, performance improvement, patient safety, and unit specific policies. A representative from every forum attends the Nursing Advisory Council monthly.

Contacts: Unit Based Clinical Manager/
Clinical Director

UTI Steering Committee

This is a subcommittee of the infection control committee specifically to develop and implement the UTI Prevention Initiative. We establish guidelines, order sets, education, competency and product analysis to achieve a reduction of UTIs. This committee also analyzes monthly UTI data to action next steps in the initiative. This is a working subcommittee, open to all physicians and staff.

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**committee/council is open to all clinical staff*