

The Monitor

AACN-GCC's Quarterly Newsletter

Focus on Local Hospitals

As residents of Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, and Southeastern Indiana, we are very fortunate to have such excellent health care systems in such close proximity. Here are the hi-lights on a few local hospitals...

Good Samaritan Hospital—a 499 bed facility. Approximately 48,163 ER visits, 7,120 births, and 26,698 inpatient admissions annually. There are roughly 6,600 inpatient and 9,400 outpatient surgeries done here annually.

The Christ Hospital—a 511 bed facility. There are 38,489 ER visits, 3,224 births, and 24,600 inpatient admissions annually. There are about 7,683 inpatient and 11,708 outpatient surgeries done here annually.

University Hospital—a 438 bed facility. There are 79,605 ER visits, 2,661 births, and 27,776 inpatient admissions annually. There are about 7,405 inpatient and 5,600 outpatient annual surgeries.

Jewish Hospital—a 209 bed facility. There are about 13,200 inpatient admissions, 31,306 ER visits, 4,152 inpatient surgeries, and 6,945 outpatient surgeries done here annually.

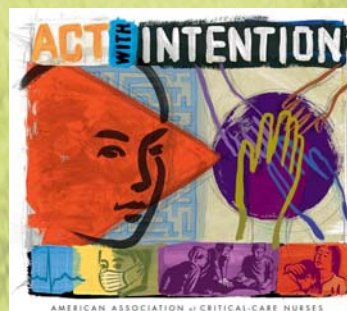
MORE TO COME NEXT NEWSLETTER!

Source: US NEWS & World Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Anyone interested is encouraged to attend!

- **Wednesday, March 24th**
 - *Jewish Hospital—5-7pm*
- **Wednesday, April 21st**
 - *Good Samaritan—5-7pm*
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WELCOME to some of our newest members—Thank you for being a part of our chapter!

Andrea Bashor, Elizabeth Byrd, Belinda Caudill, Linda Crew, Sara Frazee, Lisa Miller, Tiffany Moyer, Deborah Revelee, Jenny Schwarberg, Genevieve Wallace, Teresa Wood, Scott Toney, Rebecca Swensen, Kathy Bierman, Kimberly Leisure-Jansen, Revonda Bell, Amanda Wilson, Margaret McConnell, Christa Bowdler

ANYONE wishing to submit ANY information for the newsletter is encouraged to do so... Also anyone interested in co-editing the newsletter PLEASE contact us at newsletter@aacngcc.org

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS:

- **Monday, March 29th, 2010**
 - **Hyponatremia -- @ Nectar Restaurant**
- **May 26th, June 1st, and June 9th, 2010**
 - **CCRN & PCCN review courses with Robin Dennison—author of *Pass CCRN!***
- **Friday, April 16th, 2010**
 - **22nd Annual Trends in Critical Care -- @ Receptions in Fairfield**

TRIVIA!

The answer to the previous question is:

TRUE

Here's this edition's question~ email your response to newsletter@aacngcc.org

Located in the upper anterior portion of the chest cavity, the thymus is an organ belonging to which system of the human body?

- A. Nervous
- B. Lymphatic
- C. Endocrine
- D. Integumentary

Research Money Available!

The American Association of Critical Care Nurses – Greater Cincinnati Chapter supports AACN's Research Mission by awarding funds (up to \$2000) to area critical care nurses who desire to foster critical care nursing research. If you are involved in a research or best practice project, let us help with your financial costs. Visit our Research/Best Practice website for more info @ www.aacngcc.org/id13.html

MEET THE BOARD!

DIANE MAHAFFEY, RN, MSN, ACNP—Diane works at Jewish Hospital. She belongs to AACN, OAAPN, and the National Nursing Staff Development Organization. Her hobbies include going to church, spending time with family, listening to music, and enjoying nature. She has a large family with 8 siblings and over 40 nieces and nephews! Her wish for nursing is that “one day there will be less documentation and regulations so time can be spent with patients and their families.” Her favorite memory of her nursing career is when she was awarded the Florence Nightengale Award. She is affiliated with AACN and other professional organizations for professional growth and she also enjoys the volunteer work that comes along with the involvement in the organizations.

LAURA WADDLE, RN, BSN—Laura works at Drake Center as a Clinical Manager. She is certified in ACLS and BLS and belongs to AACN. She resides in Cheviot and enjoys reading. She has a son, Tyler, and two cats—Tyger and Smokie. Her favorite books are the Harry Potter series, her favorite food is cheesecake, and her favorite movie is Sense and Sensibility. Her favorite place to vacation is Nags Head, South Carolina. She has a goal of obtaining a MSN as a Nurse Educator and would like to teach. Her wish for nursing is to have better prepared entry level nurses. She belongs to a professional organization for the camaraderie, communication, and education. Her favorite memory of nursing is when she was a new grad and a MD asked her for a staple remover—she reached into the desk and gave him one. She said he laughed because he thought she was making a joke, but she was really that green.

PAMELA BOLTON, RN, MS, ACNP, CCNS, CCRN, PCCN—Pam is a Critical Care Nurse Practitioner at Good Samaritan Hospital. She belongs to several professional organizations: AACN, SCCM, ACNP, AANP, ONA, and the ANA. Her hobbies include painting and decorating her home, spending time with friends and family, and tennis. She resides in Harrison, Ohio. Her favorite movie is Beaches, her favorite food is Chinese and her favorite vacation spot is Hawaii. Her long and short term goals include to learn as much as possible and to be a better communicator and to be the best she can be at whatever “role” she is assuming. Her wish for nursing is that we have strong leadership with “incredible vision for the future of nursing.” Her favorite memory of nursing is when she was working in the MICU in North Carolina and out of orientation for 2 days when her patient went into idioventricular rhythm. She didn't know what it was, but she knew something wasn't right, so we went into the hallway and yelled, “I need help... something's wrong, but I don't know what to do!” She said EVERYONE came running.