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Mission:

Promote the health of women and newborns

AWHONN National Goals:

- Public visibility
- Knowledge transfer
- Build membership

CO AWHONN Goals:

- Promote member engagement through partnerships



Section Chair Report

Spring. I just love this season. Synonyms of spring include words like awakening, season of growth, burst, move forward, bound and leap. It's all of these words and more! When I lived in the Midwest, this was by far my favorite season of the year. The winter grey clouds lifted, gardens were planted, the flowers bloomed and the state of Michigan transformed to a sea of green. I struggle in Colorado to have the same passion for this season—as soon as I am lulled into thinking nice weather is here to stay, I find myself shoveling again or driving in an ice storm!! And it didn't take me long to learn that planting in Colorado happens in late May and the growing season is over in an blink of an eye.

Now that I have lived in this state for 14 years, I can say that there are plenty of other things to love about this season. For example, Rockies baseball season begins (and I believe this may be their year!!) and spring skiing, along with hints of warm weather and sunshine. Best of all, however, is the annual Colorado AWHONN state conference!!! This year our conference will be held in the south Denver metro area at the Hilton Inverness Hotel on Friday April 27th. The food promises to be amazing. The Outstanding Nurse of the Year will be awarded. Posters will be presented highlighting best practices throughout the state. And there will be eight amazing speakers giving updates on pertinent topics such as marijuana, cardiac disease in women, perinatal mood disorders and reducing opioid use. In addition, the conference gives us a chance to network, get new ideas from our vendor partners, and give back to the community by donating diapers or money to the local diaper bank. I am having a hard time thinking of a reason to miss this amazing event!!! The price is right (\$90 for members) and the company will be perfect. If you haven't already registered, please consider doing so today.

In addition to this conference, AWHONN is also supporting the work of the Colorado Perinatal Care Quality Collaborative and their initiative to reduce the primary Cesarean Section rates in our state. Dr. Donnelly will be presenting details at our state conference. We have also been asked to participate in the perinatal staffing research project (phase II) done by Dr. Audrey Lyndon and Dr. Kathleen Rice Simpson. As details become available, I will let you know more information, but I am certainly proud our state was selected to participate in this important survey.

This spring take advantage of the great opportunities available through AWHONN. Don't miss your chance to participate in one of these great activities.

Enjoy this season of awakening!!

Amy Dempsey MSN, RNC

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Secretary/Treasurer Update



Hello, CO AWHONN Section Members! Welcome to spring!

Our 2018 Quarter 1 documents have been submitted for review at our national office. The deadline for these items to be submitted is February 15, 2018.

The 2018 conference promises to be even better than last year! We are currently in the final planning stages. We have 18 exhibitors joining us this year. Many these exhibitors are joining us at the Bronze Level (\$500) or higher. Exhibitor support provides us the ability to provide our Colorado members with a highly professional nursing conference every year, and we could not do it without them! Remember to thank our exhibitors for supporting Colorado AWHONN when stopping by to say hello during the conference.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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Legislative Happenings

Work at the capital has slowed to a snail's pace as many of the bills we are watching have not moved from the House to the Senate. Often bills won't be proposed until the sponsors feel they have gotten as much support as they can before the bill goes to a vote. This is the case for the two bills we are officially supporting. The first is the FAMLI bill (HB18-1001) The bill creates the family and medical leave insurance (FAMLI) program, a "paid leave" benefit for every working Coloradan. Find more information about this bill here: <http://coloradocapitolwatch.com/bill/1/HB18-1001/2018/0/>

The second is the Infant Newborn Screening (HB18-1006). This bill updates the current newborn screening program to require timelier newborn hearing screenings. The department of public health and environment is authorized to assess a fee for newborn screening and necessary follow-up services. The bill creates the newborn hearing screening cash fund for covering the costs of the program. It mandates that the state laboratory to run 6 out of 7 days every week of the year for more timely blood spot screening. Find more information about this bill here: <http://coloradocapitolwatch.com/bill/1/HB18-1006/2018/0/>



Six bills have been proposed to combat the opioid epidemic in Colorado. AWHONN does not take an official position on these but may be of interest to the membership. Details of the bills can be found here-

https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/images/committees/2017/summary_report_to_legislative_council_-_opioid_and_other_substance_use_disorders.pdf

At this time 5 of the bills have not made it from the House to the Senate. The one that is in the Senate currently is (HB18-022) which has been assigned to Health and Human Services. The bill restricts the number of opioid pills that a provider can prescribe and limits an initial prescription to a 7-day supply.

We are planning an AWHONN legislative day on April 12th and hope to hear some of these bills in Senate committee if there is any movement on them. If you would like to attend contact Izzi at Isabelle.Campanella@uchealth.org

National bills of interest to AWHONN can be monitored on the AWHONN website at The Legislative Action Center located here: http://cqrcengage.com/awhonn/home?onn.org&utm_medium=web_link&utm_content=legislationactioncenter_page

Please contact me with any advocacy questions.

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Membership Matters

WHY JOIN AWHONN, you ask????

The Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) is the foremost nursing authority that advances the health care of women and newborns through advocacy, research and the creation of high quality, evidence-based standards of care. AWHONN represents the interests of the more than 350,000 nurses working in women's health, obstetric, and neonatal nursing nationwide.



AWHONN provides guidance which allows us all to grow in our profession by staying informed on best practices, latest industry developments, and so much more.

Invite a co-worker to explore AWHONN soon! In Colorado, we have wonderful section and chapter events. These bolster the other benefits available to all full members...like:

Instant Access to:

[AWHONN Journals](#) with FREE CNE

Our award-winning journals, *JOGNN* & *Nursing for Women's Health* keep readers current on the latest best practices, research, and evidence-based content. Visit awhonn.org/journals to learn more!

[Free Educational Tools & Resources](#)

30+ FREE webinars with CNE and other easily-accessible forms of clinical education on key topics, including Fetal Heart Monitoring.

[Professional Development & Leadership Opportunities](#)

Participate in a variety of activities to keep you current and involved, including serving on a committee, competing for research grants, becoming a Section leader, participating in our Emerging Leader Program, advocating on Capitol Hill, speaking at our annual Convention, and so much more!

After checking out a local event or visiting all the on-line resources, your friend can join online at www.awhonn.org/join. If just three co-workers enter your membership number as "recruiter" on their application, YOUR next year's membership will be FREE!

I would love to hear from you with any questions or comments regarding AWHONN membership!
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Communications Coordinator



Happy Spring!

It seems like this year is flying by! Can you believe that the Colorado State AWHONN Conference is next month?!? I'm hoping to see many of you there!

I'd love to thank you all for being part of our AWHONN Facebook page. I have met so many new faces, learned so many upcoming and great improvements in evidence-based practice and I feel so connected with what is going on in Colorado. If you haven't joined, please do so!

Please remember that I always love to hear about the achievements of our Colorado AWHONN members. Its is so amazing that we have such talented nurses in Colorado. If you would love to pat your own back and contact me regarding your own achievements, that is okay too! Sometimes we need to "toot our own horn" so to speak.

Hope to hear from you soon!

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Evidence-Based Practice

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How exciting!

Hello everyone,
In February I attended “Reaching for the Peak of Practice: EBP and Research Conference with nurses across multiple professions”. I was amazed at the diversity of specialty nursing in healthcare, how we adapt to a rapidly changing environment, and the passion that nurses demonstrate through evidence based practice.



What were some of the Topics at the conference...

National Opioid Crisis: Morland explained the history and foundation of the opioid addiction and how that has developed in today’s culture as we continue to grasp the impact into our everyday lives.

Sane Program and the benefits to a community: Oldfield brought to attention the impact on sex trafficking issues here in Colorado and the stigma on sexual assaults.

How to reduce perineal lacerations: Lang spoke practices surrounding the detrimental effects of perineal trauma during deliveries and how bedside nursing can change and improve perineal trauma outcomes.

Medical Aid in Dying: DeLine and Himberger shared their information on details surrounding the legalities, ethics, bias and moral issues with the topic of medical aid in dying.

Last EBP Newsletter we reviewed...

Last time we reviewed what the barriers can be towards a process change and to be patient and stay committed to the process. What project did you choose and did you formulate an organized method to stay on track?

Next, Do the Improvement!

Do the Improvement: Education will be a key player at this point. Changing a culture depending on the area can be a challenging task but do not give up. People must hear information that is new in a variety of ways, and multiple times to change their own process. Stay on task and keep evaluating your progress. You may need to change your approach or find that your original design impedes nurses and their workflow. Keep track of your outcomes- If you have a strong literature review than you know that you will have the same outcomes and improve are so keep track of your outcomes that you are seeing and you will begin see an improvement.

What new information have you changed in your practice?

Does your hospital use Tranexamic Acid?
How about Glucose Gel for hypoglycemia?

Share with us what process you have implemented and we will share it with our readers.

What are the Highlights of JOGNN from January 2018

Beck (2016) describes the mistreatment of women during labor and the feelings portrayed of feeling ignored, neglected, disrespect, afraid, alone, and a lack of communication.

Beane, O’Brien, and Segre (2017) examine patient’s anxiety from the unanticipated NICU admission who normally would be missed when screening for depression.

References:

Beck, C. (2016). A secondary analysis of mistreatment of women during childbirth in health care facilities.. Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic & Neonatal Nursing, 47, 94-104.

Northern Chapter/Thank-Yous!



The Colorado AWHONN leadership team would like to express sincere thanks to Karen Moore and Wendi Strauss-Pulse for many years of coordinating the Colorado AWHONN northern, and Denver chapters. We wish you both the best in your upcoming adventures!

Do you live in Northern Colorado?

Would you like to become more involved in Colorado AWHONN?

Well, we have the job for you! Please contact Karen Moore at

Karren.Moore@bannerhealth.com or 970-810-2131 to learn more about becoming the Northern Chapter AWHONN Coordinator.



Denver Chapter



Postpartum Hemorrhage: What's New?

When: April 5, 2018 11 am OR 5:45 pm

Where: Hyatt Regency

13200 East 14th Place

Aurora, CO 80011

Fee: Members: Free!

RSVP: www.hlxregister.com Event

Code: A6YJJQ

Or contact: nettagarcia@lupin.com

A meal will be served followed by an informative presentation on new and evolving practices in Postpartum Hemorrhage.

Presenter: Dr. David B. Schwartz

Objectives:

1. Review and discuss postpartum and ACOG recommendations for EPL hemorrhage due to uterine atony, including epidemiology, risk factors, and current standards of care.
2. Discuss real-world management strategies via a case based approach.
3. Review clinical efficacy, safety, and tolerability for Methergine.



Western Slope Chapter

Hello Western Slope AWHONN Members,

I have some very exciting news to share with you all...Lisa Miller is coming to Grand Junction! She will be here August 17th and we are offering two sessions to hear her speak (08-1115 and 12-1515). See flyer on next page.

I welcome members from all over Colorado to take advantage of listening to and learning from this amazing speaker. There is an AWHONN member discount as well!

I will be holding the Western Slope Chapter meeting during our lunch break (1115-1200). This will be a time to eat, connect with those of you that are new to AWHONN, and re-connect with friends.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or need help signing up. I look forward to seeing you there!

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Western Slope Chapter

Doctor's and Nurses, and Lawyers, Oh My!!

Liability & Risk Management in Perinatal Care

Presented by: Lisa Miller CNM, JD

Friday

August 17, 2018

Two Sessions Available:

8am- 11:15am OR 12pm-3:15pm

Saint Mary's Hospital and Medical Center
Saccomanno Education Center, 5th Floor

Limited Space Available

Register Today!

https://stmarysgj_lisa_miller2018.eventbrite.com

Early Bird Rate \$50- by July 5th

Regular Rate \$75- after July 5th

AWHONN Member Rate \$25



Learning Objectives:

- Identify common liability issues in perinatal care
- Review typical allegations in perinatal malpractice litigation and describe appropriate risk reduction strategies
- Describe and discuss the relationship between documentation and deposition

CEU/CME Available

Questions, contact Rainy Tieman at

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Southern Chapter

Hello Southern Chapter Members!

I am working hard on finalizing an upcoming speaker on “Reducing Perineal Lacerations”. I do not have a date to share with you yet, so more to come!

I hope all of you are having a wonderful beginning of spring!

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Colorado AWHONN Conference 2018!



STUDENTS

A special breakout session for nursing students will be held during the afternoon session. Students will learn about transitioning into practice, professional growth and have the opportunity to network.

POSTERS

Nurses from around the state of Colorado will highlight their evidence-based practice and research projects. This event will inspire and offer new ideas. Plan to visit posters during the morning break, lunch & first afternoon break. Presenters will be at their posters from 10am-1045.

LODGING

Hilton Denver Inverness
200 Inverness Drive West,
Englewood, CO
303-799-5800

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/colorado/hilton-denver-inverness-DENIRHH/accommodations/index.html>

OVERVIEW

This annual conference will provide education on a variety of topics that present challenges for obstetric and neonatal nurses.



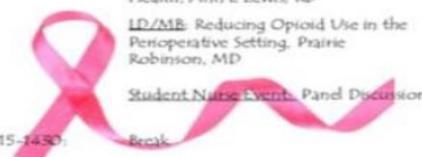
In honor of the women fighting the battle against cancer, please dress in the color that represents your passion. We have listed a few of the colors above, but recognize there are many other possibilities.

OBJECTIVES

- List at least 3 symptoms that may suggest a woman has a perinatal mood disorder
- Describe screening tools available to identify pregnant/post-partum patients at risk for cardiac complications
- Discuss how promotion of physiologic birth practices helps to reduce primary cesarean rates
- Describe the impact that gut colonization has on immune development and health.
- Discuss alternatives to opioid prescribing to treat pain after surgery
- Discuss the unique health concerns of transgender patients to assist in providing culturally competent care.
- Identify 3 benefits of LARC
- Explain the background of marijuana; its pharmacology, and the impact of state legalization on the perinatal community

SCHEDULE

0700-0800:	Registration, continental breakfast & vendors
0800-0900:	Perinatal Depression Jennifer Hyer, MD
0900-1000:	Cardiac Disease in Pregnancy Torri Metz, MD
1000-1045:	Break: Visit vendors & meet poster presenters
1045-1145:	Reducing Primary Cesarean Section Meghan Donnelly, MD
1145-1200:	AWHONN meeting: Presentation of 2018 CO AWHONN Outstanding Nurse Award
1200-1215:	Lunch: Visit vendors & view posters
1215-1415:	Breakout Workshop #1 NICU/Well Baby: Development of the Infant Microbiome and It's Impact on Health, Ann E Lewis, RD ID/MB: Reducing Opioid Use in the Perioperative Setting, Prairie Robinson, MD Student Nurse Event, Panel Discussion
1415-1430:	Break
1430-1530:	Breakout Workshop #2 Professional: Care of the Transgender Patient, Rachelle Woods, MSN, RN ID/MB: LARC Jeanelle Sheeder, MD
1530-1600:	Break & snacks
1600-1700:	Rocky Mountain High: Marijuana! Cyndy Krening, MS, RNC, CNS
1700-1800	Cocktail Party Reception



COST

MEMBERS	\$90
NON-MEMBERS	\$100
STUDENTS	\$75

Cost includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks & cocktail hour. Refunds will be granted until one week prior to event (April 20).

When registering, consider a donation to support student registration fees. Details available on eventbrite.



REGISTRATION

www.eventbrite.com
Search for: CO AWHONN
Registration deadline:
April 20

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our service project this year will be to sponsor a diaper drive. Nearly one in three families struggle to afford diapers. Medicaid, food stamps and WIC do not cover diapers and the National Diaper Bank Network estimates the poorest 20% of families spend 12-15% of their after-tax income on diapers. Diapers & money we collect will be donated to Bottom Line Diaper Bank, who works in conjunction with Catholic Charities. Diapers sizes 4, 5, and 6 are their greatest need. Checks can be written to "Bottom Line Diaper Bank."



CONTACT HOURS

7.2 Contact hours will be provided by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Lutheran Medical Center Provider CEP #12602



2018 CO AWHONN State Conference

A rainbow of support for women's health!



Friday, April 27, 2018
Hilton Denver Inverness
200 Inverness Drive West,
Englewood, CO

Save the Date!

Presented in Partnership with: ACOG • ACNM • AWHONN • CAFP

COLORADO



5th Annual Harvey Cohen, MD

Maternal Morbidity & Mortality Symposium

Thursday

October 25, 2018

8am-6:30pm

CU Denver South

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

www.acogmmm2018.eventbrite.com

CU Denver South

(formerly The Wildlife Experience)

10035 S. Peoria St.

Parker, CO 80134

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Topics & Schedule

For schedule, speakers, topics, accreditation, please check Spring/Summer 2018
www.acog.org/Colorado



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WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE PHYSICIANS



Save the Date!

ALSO PROVIDER COURSE

An educational program designed to enhance cognitive and procedural skills of health care professionals to help them manage obstetrical emergencies.

This course is directed primarily toward maternity care providers including physicians, nurses, and certified nurse midwives.

OVERALL COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Discuss methods of managing pregnancy and birth urgencies and emergencies, which standardizes the skills of practicing maternity care providers.
2. Demonstrate content and skill acquisition as evidenced by successful completion of online course examination, skills workstations, and group testing stations.

Detailed educational objectives are listed at the beginning of each ALSO Provider Manual chapter.

CME & CNE INFORMATION

Application for CME credit has been filed with the American Academy of Family Physicians. Determination of credit is pending.

The American Academy of Family Physicians is approved as a provider of continuing nursing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This course offering is approved for ___ contact hours applicable for APRN, RN, LPN, or LMHT relicensure. Kansas State Board of Nursing Provider Number: LT0278-0312. This is an advanced level course and may not be suitable for all general continuing nursing education.

MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC)

The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) MOC standards now allow participation in ABOG-approved Simulation Courses to meet the annual Improvement in Medical Practice (Part IV) MOC requirement. This course has been approved to meet ABOG Improvement in Medical Practice requirements for 2016-2018. Please review the 2016 MOC Bulletin at www.abog.org/bulletins/MOC2016.pdf for further information.

COURSE DISCLAIMER

The material presented at this course is being made available by the American Academy of Family Physicians for educational purposes only. This material is not intended to represent the only, nor necessarily the best, methods or procedures appropriate for the medical situations discussed, but rather is intended to present an approach, view, statement, or opinion of the instructors which may be helpful to others who face similar situations.

The AAFP disclaims any and all liability for injury, or other damages, resulting to any individual attending this course and for all claims which may arise out of the use of the techniques demonstrated therein by such individuals, whether these claims shall be asserted by a physician, or any other person.

Every effort has been made to assure the accuracy of the data presented at this course. Physicians may care to check specific details, such as drug doses and contraindications, etc., in standard sources prior to clinical application.

This Course has been determined to be a Level 2 classification under the AMA PRA Credit and Classification Guidelines. The AAFP does not certify competence upon completion of the ALSO Provider Course, nor does it intend this course to serve as a basis for requesting new or expanded privileges.

At the completion of this course and upon receipt of the sponsor's post-course materials, ALSO staff will create letters of participation for all learners. Wallet cards will be included on the letters for those who successfully complete both online post-test and hands-on skill workstations (scoring at least 80% on each). These letters will be distributed to learners by the course sponsor.



ALSO Provider Course

July 27, 2018

North Colorado Medical Center
1801 16th Street
Greeley, CO 80631

North Colorado Family Medicine Residency
Program
1600 23rd Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631
Phone: 970-810-2424

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Blended Classroom ALSO Provider Course Online Portion of the Course

Registrants will be provided an email with a link to the Online Portion of the ALSO Provider Course. Content consists of a pre-test; recorded lectures; online case studies; recorded workstation demonstrations; post-test and course evaluation. Upon completion of the evaluation and claiming of credit, the letter of participation will be accessible electronically. This letter must be provided to the course sponsor as proof of successful completion prior to participation in the Live Portion of the course.

Live Portion of the Course AGENDA

Time	Activity
7:30-8:00	Registration
8:00-8:30	Overview & Instruction materials Q&A from online
8:30-9:00	Lecture: Safety in Maternity Care – Joshua Fischer, MD

Sample schedule

Workstation Rotation (Learners are assigned to a group and rotate among 6 workstations simultaneously)

9:00-9:55	Workstation 1: Shoulder Dystocia/OP management
9:55-10:10	Break
10:10-11:05	Workstation 2: Emergency Breech Delivery
11:05-11:50	Workstation 3: Assisted Vaginal Delivery
11:50-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:25	Workstation 4: Maternal Resuscitation
1:25-2:20	Workstation 5: Postpartum Hemorrhage
2:20-2:35	Break
2:35-3:45	Workstation 6: Interactive Case Studies: Eclampsia, Labor Dystocia/Intrapartum Fetal Surveillance (IFS)
3:45-5:00	Group Testing: (Breakout rooms with one team as assigned above)
5:00-5:30	Wrap-Up, Questions, Evaluations Completed)

COURSE STAFF

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Bernard J Birnbaum, MD
Krystal Tamura, MD
Tony Gerck, MD

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

MD _____ DO _____ RN _____ CNM _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Cost:

Physicians: \$450.00
Nurses: \$375.00
Residents and CNM Students: \$350.00
Make Checks Payable to: **North Colorado Family Medicine**

Send Registration and Payment to:

Michelle Komanich
North Colorado Family Medicine Residency Program
1600 23rd Avenue
Greeley, CO 80634

SPACE IS LIMITED – Register early

Please submit your application and check to be received by June 29, 2018
Cancellation refunds will not be made after June 15, 2018

COURSE CONTACT INFORMATION

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Announcements

Call for assistance with national study!

We'd love to hear from you and your L&D nurses regarding their opinions in relation to patient outcomes. We are seeking to reach all birth units in Colorado. Our goal is to break new ground in evaluating the relationships between nurse staffing, missed nursing care, and patient outcomes; as well as develop new evidence-based approaches to improve quality and safety of maternity care.

Please contact Audrey Lyndon to participate!

LaborRNs@uscf.edu or 415-502-3504



Investigators: Kathleen Rice Simpson, Joanne Spetz, & Audrey Lyndon

The goal of the study is to determine if nursing care during labor and birth is linked to patient outcomes. This study focuses on whether certain aspects of expected care during labor and birth are "delayed, unfinished, or completely missed" when nurses are busy or there are not enough nurses based on patient census and acuity. We adapted an existing tool about missed care for nursing care during labor and birth (Kalish & Williams, 2009) in collaboration with AWHONN. The tool has been revised, refined and validated by 13 focus groups of experienced labor nurses across the country; it takes 10 -15 minutes to complete.

There is no national database of intrapartum nurses. Therefore, we are recruiting through hospitals in 14 states and the District of Columbia, and are asking for nurse leaders' help in reaching the nurses on their units. We will ask nurses to complete a confidential survey – we will know the facility where nurses work, but we will not be able to link personal information – survey distribution is separated from the responses, which are stored without identifiers. We will measure:

- Nurse report:
 - How often aspects of nursing care are missed ("delayed, unfinished, or completely omitted") on their unit during labor and birth
 - How frequently their unit meets the AWHONN recommended staffing guidelines
- Safety Climate scale; Burnout scale; Intention to leave within the next year
- Basic demographics (experience, age, education, race, ethnicity)
- Aggregate nursing care measures to hospital level
- Link hospital level measures of nursing care to publically available birth outcomes

Nurse staffing and missed nursing care are known to affect patient safety and quality in medical surgical and ICU settings, but data for labor and birth are lacking. This study will fill a crucial gap as the extent to which nurse staffing affects childbirth outcomes and the degree to which missed nursing care during labor and birth might affect complications, patient satisfaction, or health disparities is unknown.

The study is funded by AHRQ Grant #1R01HS025715 and managed by Dr. Lyndon at UCSF. AWHONN supported our preliminary work under the Perinatal Staffing Research Science Team.

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Did you or another AWHONN member you know pass a certification exam? Graduate? Honored for an award? Or any other awesome reason to be recognized?

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Thank You Colorado AWHONN!

It is always so great to connect with you! (Pictures from Denver chapter event on opioid use).

