OUR PROMISE: Knowing that every child's life is sacred, it is the promise of Cook Children’s to improve the health of every child in our region through the prevention and treatment of illness, disease and injury.

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And the Research shows that Cook Children’s is the best

Amongst 120 posters at the 10th Annual Summer Institute on Evidence-Based Practice (EBP), Cook Children’s shined as bright as the Texas sun. Cook Children’s was awarded first prize at the conference for our poster describing the first house-wide nursing EBP project done at the Medical Center on improving, securing and the visualization of peripheral intravenous catheters in pediatric patients.

This conference takes place each summer in San Antonio and brings together international experts in EBP, Quality & Safety.

This EBP project, along with the incredible work by our nurses, achieved great success in sustaining improvements across the entire Medical Center. Here is a look at some stellar results from this initiative from baseline to 12 months:

- IV site visible or easily visible from **58 percent to 94 percent**
- Use of clear dressing and tape from **40 percent to 92 percent**
- Use of catheter stabilization device from **zero percent to 76 percent**
  - Use of IV protector from **11 percent to 82 percent**
  - Increase in IV dwell time from **38.2 hours to 62 hours**

Particularly impressive is that the improvement in IV dwell time saves staff time, decreases the number of times patients have interruption in fluids/medication and the number of times they have to be stuck for a new IV.

The project team consisted of Andrea Smith, PhD (Nursing Research), Dena Hanson (Health Science Library), Terri Pearcy (Out Pt Surgery), Suzanne Frey (NICU), Valerie Badgett (3 Pav), Jill Isaacson, Robert Hill III & Narae Wilson (IV Access Team), Melodie Davis (Education), Mollie Kuchta (QI), Shirley Martin (PACU), Sarah Riley (ED), Leigh Ann Campbell (6 N), and Deborah Ellis (Anesthesia).

On behalf of Cook Children’s, Dr. Smith presented an overview of the project and “lessons learned” in successful implementation at a podium presentation during the awards ceremony.

Nursing Research’s Smith a Nursing Excellence finalist

Congratulations to Director of Nursing Research & EBP Andrea Smith PhD, RN, CPNP, on being named a 2011 NURSE.com THE MAGAZINE South Central regional finalist in the Advancing & Leading the Profession category.

She will be recognized at the South Central Nursing Excellence Award in Houston on August 12, and is in the running to be named the regional winner in her category. This would qualify her to move on to the national program, which will announce its winners in the fall.
It’s time to celebrate the Peak Performers

Join us in congratulating the latest round of deserving Peak Performers for June 2011.

**Cook Children’s Medical Center**
- Liz Bean, H/O Clinic Manager
- Taryn Compton, RN, 3 Pavilion
- Nancy Nimz, Senior Secretary, Psychology

**Cook Children’s Physician Network**
- Christi Dutton, Trauma Nurse Practitioner
- Maria Gaytan, Medical Receptionist

**Cook Children's Health Care System**
- Sheri Kantner, Executive Assistant, Finance
- Stacy Shetter, Project Specialist, CHO
- Cindy Topliff, Payroll Specialist

**Cook Children’s Health Plan**
- Esmeralda Cantu, Case Management Assistant
- Dana Danz, Care Manager
- Lois Trammell, Manager, Marketing & Outreach

Remember, even if you have nominated someone before, remember to visit “i want to...” “submit a Peak Performer” on CookNet today to nominate your peers. The deadline for June nominations is July 18.

**Early registration is now under way for 2011 event**

As the final parts of the 2011 Pediatric Epilepsy and Movement Disorder Symposium are prepared, the only thing missing is you. This two-day event is designed for neurologists, epileptologists, pediatricians, physiatrists, registered nurses, therapists and EEG technicians.

Early registration is currently under way and can save you on registration fees by simply registering before Saturday, July 30. Your registration form must be postmarked by July 30 to be eligible for the discounted fee.

Visit CookNet today to download and print the registration brochure.

**Pediatric Epilepsy and Movement Disorder Symposium**

**Cook Children’s Medical Center**
Hochberger Auditorium
801 Seventh Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76104

August 12-13, 2011

**Don’t forget...Mileage rate changed on July 1**

Effective last Friday, July 1, the IRS increased the standard mileage rate to .555 cents per mile. Therefore, you should now use this new rate for all mileage reimbursement requests for business miles driven starting July 1, 2011, through Dec. 31, 2011. The new Travel and Expense report and Mileage Reimbursement templates have been updated and are located on Excel:New/My Templates/CookChildren’s.