

CONFERENCE CALL

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Fifth Annual Pediatric Symposium: Challenges in Pediatric Care. September 21 and 22, 1989, Houston, TX. Sponsored by the Department of Nursing, Texas Children's Hospital. Special guest faculty includes Cecily Lynn Betz, PhD, RN, editor of the *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*; Martha Curley, MSN, RN, CCRN, author of *Pediatric Cardiac Dysrhythmias*; and Joan Guntzelman, PhD, RN, consultant and teacher. Cost: 1 day, \$100; 2 days, \$175; students, \$30/day. For further information, contact Texas Children's Hospital, Pediatric Symposium Committee, Nursing Staff Development, 3-288, 6621 Fannin, Houston, TX 77030; 713-798-1180 (collect).

Progressive Pediatrics. October 3 and 4, 1989. Indianapolis, IN. Sponsored by Nursing Services for Children. The keynote speaker will be Donna Wong, RN, MSN, PNP. The conference will include a variety of presentations for pediatric nurses in hospitals, ambulatory care, and community settings. For information, contact Nursing Services for Children, James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children, 702 Barnhill Dr, rm P168, Indianapolis, IN 46223; 317-274-0187.

Annual Convention and Primary Care Conference of the New York State Coalition of Nurse Practitioners. October 5 to 7, 1989, Syracuse, NY. Papers dealing with the advanced practice of nursing in all areas will be presented. Some of the main topics are infectious diseases and pharmacology. For information, contact Pam Slagle, FNP, 905 N. George St, Rome, NY, 13440; 315-339-0352.

31st Annual Pediatric Symposium. October 6 and 7, 1989, Universal City, CA. Sponsored by the Southern California Permanente Medical Group. For further information, contact Joyce L. Boyd, Symposium Coordinator, Clinical Services

Department, 393 E. Walnut St, Pasadena, CA 91188; 818-405-6326.

Workshops on Parent-Child Assessment. The Nursing Child Assessment Satellite Training (NCAST) program, headquartered at the University of Washington School of Nursing, offers workshops that train professionals who work with infants and their parents. Those who attend the training program then go back and instruct others in their communities in NCAST methods. The workshops for 1989 are the NCAST Local Instructor Training Conference and the Nursing Systems Toward Effective Parenting-Preterm (NSTEP-P) Conference. The former presents new parent-child assessment techniques and tools to caregivers and teaches them how to use the new information in their health care practices. Topics covered include the importance of environmental factors, administering NCAST scales and records, and learning the role of the local instructor within the program. The NSTEP-P Conference is directed toward professionals who work with families of preterm infants. Topics include sleep-wake states, infant stimulation, and coping and adaptive skills of parents. In 1989, the NCAST Local Instructor Training Conference will be held from October 21 to 27; contact Georgina Sumner. The NSTEP-P conference is scheduled for October 9 to 13; contact Nia Johnson-Crowley. Address: NCAST, WJ-10, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195; 206-543-8528.

First International Conference on Self-Care Deficit Nursing Theory. October 16 to 18, 1989, Columbia, MO. Sponsored by the School of Nursing, The University of Missouri-Columbia. The conference will focus on clinical and cultural dimensions of Orem's theory. For information, contact Continuing Education Program, UMC School of Nursing, Columbia, MO 65211.

Shaping the Future of Pediatric Health Care: Meeting the Challenge of Children With Special Health Care Needs. October 19 and 20, 1989, Cleveland, OH. Sponsored by the Department of Pediatric Nursing, Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, University Hospitals of Cleveland. Cost: 1 day, \$80; 2 days, \$150; discounts are available for students, early registrants, and groups. For further information, contact Patricia Hosang, RN, Conference Chairperson, 216-844-1358.

The Eighth National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. October 22 to 25, 1989, Salt Lake City, UT. Sponsored by the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, Children's Bureau Administration for Children, Youth and Families Office of Health and Human Services; American Association for Protecting Children, children's division of the American Humane Association; C. Henry Kempe Center, National Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect; Utah Department of Social Services, Division of Family Services; and Utah Coalition of Child Advocates. For information, contact The Eighth National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, PO Box 45500 Salt Lake City, UT 84103; 801-538-4361.

National Conference on Nursing Administration Research. October 26 to 28, 1989, Richmond, VA. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to management of nursing information in organizations, decision-making, human resources management, ethical issues, and organizational and policy studies related to the quality and costs of nursing care. The emphasis is on empirical studies; however, theoretical analyses of relevant methodological issues in nursing administration research and theoretical papers that address the development of conceptual models for knowledge development and practice in nursing administration will also be presented. For information, contact Dr. Barbara Mark, Chairman, Department of Nursing Administration and Information Systems, School of Nursing, Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth

University, Box 567, MCV Station, Richmond, VA, 23298; 804-786-0710.

UCLA Extension Offers Lactation Consultant Training Program. The Seventh Lactation Consultant Training Program, sponsored by UCLA Extension's Health Sciences Department, will be held over a 6-month period on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays in Los Angeles beginning October 26. Lectures will be held from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on Thursdays and Fridays and 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Saturdays. The dates are October 26-28, 1989, and January 11-13, March 1-3, and May 10-12, 1990. In addition, students must observe and assist a lactation consultant for 12 consultations, provide a suckling assessment of at least eight breastfeeding clients, take part in community observations for 12 hours, and spend six hours a week from November through May in preceptorships. Tuition is \$1,500 and may be paid in installments. The program is designed to prepare health professionals to be lactation consultants. Course coordinators are Ida S. Bird and Sandra S. Steffes, both Certified Childbirth Educators in private practice. Bird is also an Assistant Clinical Professor with the UCLA School of Nursing, while Steffes is a National ASPO Teacher-Trainer. For information, call Extension's Health Sciences Department, 213-825-9187.

Society for Behavioral Pediatrics Annual Meeting. November 9 to 10, 1989, Cambridge, MA. A special session honoring Dr. T. Berry Brazelton will be held on November 11. For information, contact Noreen Spota, SBP Business Administrator, 241 E. Gravers La, Philadelphia, PA, 19118; 215-248-9168.

UCLA Extension Offers Two-Day Infant Suckling Skills Course. December 1 and 2, 1989, Albuquerque, NM. For further information, contact the Health Sciences Department, UCLA Extension, PO Box 24901, Los Angeles, CA 90024-0901; 213-825-9187.