

Nursing Committee – Practice Subcommittee

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Practice Committee Activities 2011 – 2012

There have been two major projects related to continence nursing practice completed by member of the committee in the 2011 – 2012. The first one “A profile of the specialist role of continence nursing: an international perspective” lead by Jan Paterson was presented at the nursing forum at the Glasgow Nursing Forum August 2011. Following the discussion of this paper the next step has been to undertake a Delphi study of the CNS role. As Jan Paterson had completed her term on the Nursing Committee last year she was seconded to the practice committee along with her research associate I Gede Suyasa to lead the work on the Delphi Study. The objective of the study is to explore the agreements amongst nurse members of the ICS, leading to the development of the profile of the specialist role of continence nursing. The proposal was submitted for ethics review on July 2 2012 to Flinders University in Adelaide Australia where Jan Paterson is based. An update on the progress of the study will be reported at the meeting in Beijing in October 2012.

The second project was a discussion paper prepared by Joan Ostaszkiwicz and Jan Paterson “ A survey of nursing advice on sterile or clean urinary drainage bags for long-term indwelling urinary catheterization”. This paper was posted on the Nurses Discussion Forum for feedback to the authors. The intention would be to have the report published to ensure wider distribution of this important and useful information.

A teleconference of the practice subcommittee is planned for September to discuss further work for this committee and will be reported at the Nursing Committee meeting in Beijing.