

Margaret E. Farrar, RN, MSN, CPNP

Education

- May, 2005 *Master of Science in Nursing*
Pediatric Advanced Practice Nurse
University of Akron, Akron, Ohio
GPA: 3.98
- May, 2003 *Bachelor of Science in Nursing*
University of Akron, Akron, Ohio
GPA: 3.8
- May, 1997 *Diploma in Nursing*
Mercy Hospital School of Nursing
Pittsburgh, PA
GPA: 4.0

Practice

Akron Children's Hospital, Akron, Ohio

September 2006 to present

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Haslinger Family Pediatric Palliative Care Center.

- Mid-level provider with prescriptive authority to pediatric palliative care patients.
- Provide primary care to pediatric palliative care patients along with collaborating physician.
- Education resource for hospital-based and community based organizations
- Assess, plan, implement and direct individual care for pediatric palliative care patients

The Children's Hospital at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio

May 2005 to September, 2006

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Outpatient Pediatric Hematology/Oncology.

- Coordinator for Childhood Brain Tumor Institute.
- Provide primary care to pediatric hematology/oncology patients along with collaborating physician.
- Perform bone marrow aspiration, bone marrow biopsy and lumbar puncture as needed.
- Deliver intrathecal chemotherapeutic agents per order.
- Assess, plan, implement and direct individual care for pediatric hematology/oncology patients.

Akron Children's Hospital, Akron, Ohio

October 2001 to July 2005

Registered Nurse – Pediatric Intensive Care

- Proficient delivery of high level, family centered care to acute and chronically ill pediatric patients and surgical trauma patients.
- Proficient use/monitoring of ICU technology.
- Administration of cardioactive, paralytic, sedative and analgesic medications in addition to general medications for all acute and chronic illnesses.
- Teaching patients and families about disease process and medications.
- Preceptor to Nursing Students, Graduate Nurses and Staff Registered Nurses.

Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio

July, 1997 to October, 2001

Clinical Registered Nurse – Hematology/Oncology Unit

May, 2000 to October, 2001

- Administered chemotherapeutic agents according to COG guidelines
- Administered procedural sedation for painful oncology related
- Bereavement resource for terminally ill children and their families with strong emphasis on the psychosocial/teaching role of the nurse
- Charge Nurse, Preceptor, Member of Time Counsel and Bereavement committee

July, 1997 to May, 2000

Clinical Registered Nurse – Cardiology/Endocrinology/Gastroenterology Unit

- Transplant patient management.
- Charge Nurse, Unit Based Computer Trainer for charting software implementation.
- Preceptor to new staff and nursing students.
- Chair of Time Counsel and RN/Support Staff Task Force.

Research

The University of Akron College of Nursing

January, 2003 to December, 2005

Graduate Research Assistant – Dr. Paula Renker, RN, PhD. C.

- Area of research: Adolescent intimate partner violence
- Programmed and maintained data in SPSS, EXCELL, End Note, and Resource Manager
- Literature search and retrieval
- Assisted with two federally funded research grants.

Graduate Research Assistant – Marguarite Dimarco, RN, MSN, PNP

- Area of Research: Healthcare disparities in homeless children and adolescents
- Programmed and maintained data in SPSS, EXCELL, End Note, and Resource Manager
- Literature search and retrieval
- Assisted with both retrospective and prospective funded research.

Housed versus unhoused pregnant adolescents: The role of social support, access to medical care and abuse status in infant outcomes.

- Design: Secondary Analysis
- University of Akron; PI: Margaret Farrar, RN MSN
- Wrote IRB proposal, collected data, set up SPSS database, entered data into SPSS and performed statistical analysis.
- Original research of Dr. Paula Renker.

Efficacy of peer delivery of dating violence information in the adolescent population: Does drama work?

- Design: Pretest/posttest evaluation of dating violence information presented by peer actors in public schools
- University of Akron/Akron Children's Hospital/Ohio State University
- Co-PI's: Karen Mascolo, RN, MSN, Margaret Farrar, RN, MSN & Dr. Paula Renker, Ph.D. C
- Designed study, obtained IRB approval, collected data, set up SPSS database, entered data into SPSS and performed statistical analysis collaboratively with co-PI's.

Licensure & Certifications

Licensure: Ohio Board of Nursing - RN 272587 – Expires August 31, 2009
 COA: Ohio Board of Nursing - 08346-NP – Expires August 31, 2009
 CTP: Ohio Board of Nursing - RX.08346 – Expires August 31, 2009
 NPI # 1386608073
 Certification: Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care – PNCB # 20050488
 Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Acute Care – PNCB # 20070858
 BLS, PALS – current to 2007-2008

Awards

2007 CARE Ladder Level 4 *Akron Children's Hospital*
 2005 Outstanding Graduate Student. Sigma Theta Tau. Delta Omega Chapter.
 2004 Best Poster Presentation. *University of Akron Faculty-Graduate Student Research Symposium, Akron, OH.*
 2001-2003 Dean's List. The University of Akron.
 2002-2003 Summit County Medical Alliance Scholarship – The University of Akron College of Nursing
 1997 Sister Ferdinand Clark Scholarship – Mercy Hospital School of Nursing
 1996-1997 National Collegiate Nursing Award – Mercy Hospital School of Nursing

Presentations

Farrar, M., Kelly-Langen, C. (2008) Pediatric Pain Management. Lunch and Learn Series. *Akron Children's Hospital* January 2008

- Farrar, M., Gerak, L., and Parks, MK. (2007). Diamonds in the rough: A team approach to palliative care. Purpose, Passion, Performance: 8th Clinical Team Conference. *National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization*. November, 2007.
- Farrar, M., Ballard, K., Borodkin, T., and Hohenberger, A. (2007). Is food and water Life support? The Psycho-spiritual-religious perceptions of non-oral nutrition and hydration. *Leaders, Learners and Families Hand in Hand: Building Pediatric Palliative Care Best Practice*. *Ohio Pediatric Palliative End-of-Life Network*. October, 2007.
- Friebert, S., Farrar, M., Heiner, E. (2007). Relieving Pain and Other Symptoms: Safe and Effective Use of Opioids to Manage Pain. IPPC Curriculum. *Akron Children's Hospital*. May, 2007.
- Farrar, M. (2007). Palliative care for children and families. Critical Care Classes. *Akron Children's Hospital*. May, 2007 & October 2007.
- Farrar, M (2006) . Pediatric Brain Tumor Update. Paper Presentation. Innovations in Neuroscience Nursing. *Cleveland Clinic Foundation*. November, 2006.
- Mascolo, K., Farrar, M., and Renker, P. (2005) Preventing tomorrow's domestic violence today. Paper Presentation. *National Association of School Nurses*. July, 2005.
- Mascolo, K., Farrar, M., and Renker, P. (2005) Preventing tomorrow's domestic violence today. Seminar Presentation. *Cuyahoga Falls Senior High School*. March & April, 2005.
- Mascolo, K., Farrar, M., and Renker, P. (2005) Preventing tomorrow's domestic violence today. Seminar Presentation. *Hudson Senior High School*. February & March, 2005.
- Farrar, M. (2004) Housed versus unhoused pregnant adolescents: The role of social support, access to medical care and abuse status in infant outcomes. Poster Presentation. *Midwest Nurses Research Society*. Annual Conference. St. Louis, MO.
- Farrar, M. (2004) Housed versus unhoused pregnant adolescents: The role of social support, access to medical care and abuse status in infant outcomes. Poster Presentation. *University of Akron Faculty-Graduate Student Research Symposium*, Akron, Ohio.
- Farrar, M. (2004) Housed versus unhoused pregnant adolescents: The role of social support, access to medical care and abuse status in infant outcomes. Poster Presentation. *CHMCA Nurses' Week Presentations*. Akron, Ohio
- Farrar, M. (2004). The role of the advanced practice nurse. Poster presentation. *CHMCA Nurses Week Presentations*. Akron, Ohio
- Farrar, M. (2004). The role of the advanced practice nurse. Poster presentation. *CHMCA Critical Care Conference*. Akron, Ohio.
- Farrar, M. (2004). Childhood obesity in minority populations. Paper presentation. *Akron-Urban Minority Alcoholism Drug Abuse Outreach Program*. Akron, Ohio.
- Farrar, M. (2003). Advantages and disadvantages to recipients of hematopoietic stem cell transplant. Poster presentation. *Distinguished Lecturer Series*. The University of Akron, Akron, Ohio.

Publications:

- Farrar, M. & Friebert, S. (2008). Pediatric Palliative Care. *Mito 101*. United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation. May 2008.
- Farrar, M. (2007). Life and death on both sides of the pendulum. *In Touch: A Hospice and Palliative Care Resource*. Ohio Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Vol. 12 ,2. May 2007.

Professional Organizations:

- Mercy Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association, 1997-present
- Midwest Nurses Research Society, 2003-present
- National Organization of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, 2003-present
- Ohio NAP NAP, 2003- present
- Oncology Nursing Society, 1997-present
- Sigma Theta Tau International, Delta Omega Chapter, 2004-present
- University of Akron Alumni Association, 2003-present