Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN) 21st Annual Convention. The Program Planning Committee has designed the meeting specifically for you, and we are confident it will be one of the most rewarding professional education events you’ve ever attended.

As you look through this brochure, you’ll see a broad array of sessions that will inspire and challenge you. Each faculty member is a national expert who will present the most essential information for your practice. Some speakers will make you laugh, others will make you wish you could write faster (don’t worry, you can access the sessions for free after the convention in the AMSN Online Library [page 4]), and all will leave you with ideas you will be bursting to share when you return home.

Along with the courses, you’ll network with colleagues, enjoy your friends, and meet exceptional nurses from around the world who share your commitment and compassion. Be sure to visit the exhibit hall for the latest industry products and services, view the innovative posters (always a favorite!), and discover many rewarding ways to get involved in AMSN at the local and national levels.

We look forward to exploring lovely Salt Lake City with you and hope you share our excitement about the many opportunities at this landmark convention!

Renee Thompson, MSN, RN, CMSRN
Program Planning Committee Chairperson

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Who Should Attend?

- Staff Nurses
- Nurse Educators
- Nurse Managers
- Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Nurse Practitioners
- Administrators
- Students
- Researchers

Why Attend?

Take your career to the next level. Leave feeling motivated and confident.

Get your questions answered. Experts are right there with you in the same room to respond and inform.

Network. Share knowledge, experiences, and laughter.

Rejuvenate. Enjoy the beauty and excitement of Salt Lake City.

Register online at www.amsn.org/conv – Questions? Call 866-877-2676

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Keynote Address

Marlene Kramer, Vice President, Health Science Research Associates, is one of the country’s top nursing researchers. Her research has focused on the transition of student nurses to the work world and the empirical testing of programs designed to integrate nurses into professional practice. She is currently studying the impact of healthy work environments on nurse and patient outcomes.

Dr. Kramer’s initial contribution was the book, Reality Shock: Why Nurses Leave Nursing. Subsequent studies tested the effectiveness of new graduate stress-reduction seminars, as well as bi-cultural and conflict resolution training to help ease the school-to-work transition. Dr. Kramer’s research and these programs have served as a guide and foundation for many of the nurse residency programs that have been developed in the past 30 years.

Dr. Kramer is the 2012 recipient of the AMSN Anthony J. Jannetti Award, which recognizes the extraordinary contributions of a nurse toward enhancing health care. Dr. Kramer was selected based on her nursing expertise and international reputation as an expert nurse administrator, educator, scientist, and mentor.

Opening Address

Liz Jazwiec is a leading expert on improving customer and employee satisfaction. She is the founder and CEO of Liz, inc, a consulting practice formed to help organizations develop a customer service culture driven by increased employee satisfaction.

In her practice, Ms. Jazwiec addresses the concerns facing businesses today including leadership, team, and customer satisfaction issues.

With over 25 years of clinical and corporate experience, Ms. Jazwiec has been instrumental in accomplishing service and organizational excellence based on developing improved employee morale.
Program-at-a-Glance

TUESDAY, October 2, 2012
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Registration Open

Wednesday, October 3, 2012
6:30 am – 10:00 am Registration Open
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Registration Open
7:15 am – 7:45 am Continental Breakfast for Pre-Convention Registrants
7:45 am – 5:00 pm Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Review Course (Day 1 of 2)

THURSDAY, October 4, 2012
6:45 am – 6:30 pm Registration Open
7:15 am – 7:45 am Continental Breakfast for Pre-Convention Registrants
7:45 am – 2:45 pm Pre-Convention Workshops
• Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Review Course (Day 2 of 2)
• Clinical Workshop
• Leadership Workshop
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm New Member/First-Time Attendee Orientation
4:15 pm – 6:30 pm Welcome, President’s Address & Opening Address – Liz Jazwiec, RN
6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Grand Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall/Poster Viewing

FRIDAY, October 5, 2012
6:30 am – 5:30 pm Registration Open
7:30 am – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:15 am Keynote Address – Marlene Kramer, PhD, RN, FAAN
9:15 am – 11:15 am Exhibits Open/Poster Viewing
11:15 am – 12:30 pm Concurrent Sessions
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm Lunch & Learn Sessions – Pick Up Box Lunch
1:45 pm – 3:30 pm Exhibits Open/Poster Viewing/Refreshment Break
3:30 pm – 4:45 pm Concurrent Sessions

SATURDAY, October 6, 2012
7:00 am – 5:15 pm Registration Open
7:30 am – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:45 am Town Hall/Awards
10:00 am – 11:15 am Concurrent Sessions
11:30 am – 12:30 pm Concurrent Sessions
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch on Your Own
2:00 pm – 3:15 pm Concurrent Sessions
3:30 pm – 4:45 pm Concurrent Sessions

SUNDAY, October 7, 2012
7:00 am – 1:45 pm Registration Open
7:30 am – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
8:30 am – 9:15 am General Session
9:15 am – 9:45 am Induction Ceremony and President’s Address
10:00 am – 11:00 am Concurrent Sessions
11:15 am – 12:15 pm Concurrent Sessions

MONDAY, October 8, 2012
7:30 am – 8:00 am Sign in for CMSRN® Exam
8:00 am – 12:00 pm CMSRN Exam

This program will help you:
• Enhance your clinical skills and knowledge through education and emerging best practices.
• Strengthen your ability to thrive in a complex work environment.
• Celebrate the joys and opportunities in leading change and advancing health care.

Your learning continues…

Thanks to the AMSN Online Library, you now get even more value for your registration. All attendees receive free access to convention education sessions at www.amsn.org/library. You can virtually ‘attend’ sessions you may have missed on-site, or revisit courses you found particularly interesting. Content will be available approximately 3 weeks after the convention, so be sure to take advantage of this additional learning experience at your convenience.

Your other library benefits and options include the following:
• Session handouts will be available online for you to print 2 weeks before the convention. This is a great option: you no longer have to carry a bulky program book. Simply redeem conference code AMSN12 in the library to access the handouts.
• Evaluate sessions online, when you return home, or while you are on-site...whatever works best for you. You will have approximately 4 weeks after the convention to complete your evaluations.
• Don’t worry about losing your CNE certificates during your travels; you can print them when you return home. Access the certificates in the library and print whenever you need them.
• You can share your library access to the convention content with two colleagues for free. (Additional fee for contact hours.)

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**Pre-Convention Workshops**

**WEDNESDAY, October 3, 2012**

6:30 am – 10:00 am; 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Registration Open

7:15 am – 7:45 am
Continental Breakfast for Pre-Convention Registrants

7:45 am – 5:00 pm
Optional Two-Day Pre-Convention Workshop
Separate registration fee required. Box lunch included.

**O10 Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Review Course** – 13.75 contact hours
*Sally Russell, MN, CMSRN, CPP*

Are you studying for the Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN®) certification exam? Do you need a review of total body systems? If so, this course is designed for you! It includes:
- A brief review of the function of each body system
- Fluids and electrolytes
- Common pathological conditions and treatments
- Appropriate nursing interventions

For those taking the exam, there is a short section on test-taking tips and a review of the CMSRN exam blueprint. There are also several exam-style questions at the end of each section to help you practice evaluating multiple-choice questions.

This course is also ideal for nurses who are:
- New to the specialty
- Transitioning from another practice area
- Seeking to refresh their medical-surgical nursing knowledge

**BIG SAVINGS!** Order the *Core Curriculum for Medical-Surgical Nursing* (4th Edition) and the *Medical-Surgical Nursing Review Questions* (© 2008) when you register for this course and save $10 off of the already discounted member prices with no shipping and handling costs!

To get the discount simply choose the “Optional Books Special” option when you register. The books will be sent to you immediately so you can begin studying. For registrations received after September 20, 2012, the book order will be held for pick up on-site.

Improve your chances of passing the CMSRN exam! An average of 84% of the nurses who attended the convention review course in 2007 - 2011 passed the CMSRN exam taken immediately following the convention. (The overall CMSRN exam pass rate is 80%.)

*Note: This course does not grant certification. It helps you prepare for the exam. A separate fee and application are required to take the CMSRN exam. Apply by August 1, 2012, to take the exam at convention. See page 11 for details.

**THURSDAY, October 4, 2012**

6:45 am - 6:30 pm
Registration Open

7:15 am - 7:45 am
Continental Breakfast for Pre-Convention Registrants

7:45 am - 2:45 pm
Optional Pre-Convention Workshops
Separate registration fee required. Box lunch included.

**O10 Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Review Course** (Continued from Wednesday)
See course description at left.

**020 Clinical Workshop – 5.0 contact hours**
Oncology
*Leslie Smith, RN, AOCNS*

This session provides an overview for the non-oncology nurse on cancer, its current treatments and its physical and psychological impact on patients. This session will give nurses the knowledge to appropriately assess cancer patients as well as precautions needed when caring for patients receiving cytotoxics.

**030 Leadership Workshop – 5.0 contact hours**
Writing for Publication and Improving Professional Writing Skills
*Kathleen B. Gaberson, PhD, RN, CNOR, CNE, ANEF*

The ability to write clearly, concisely, and persuasively is key to advancing your nursing career. This workshop will teach you principles of effective writing that can be applied to many professional writing tasks at any stage of your career, including writing for publication in nursing journals.

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm
New Member/First-Time Attendee Orientation

4:15 pm – 6:30 pm
Welcome & President’s Address
*Sandra Fights, MS, RN, CMSRN, CNE*
AMSN President 2010-2012

**101 Opening Address – 1.25 contact hours**
Eat THAT Cookie: The Power of Positivity
*Liz Jazwiec, RN*

Learn how to infuse positivity into your work culture with this inspiring and relatable presentation. Using real-life examples from her 25-plus years in health care leadership, Jazwiec will provide a funny, yet straightforward, approach to the connection between customer and staff satisfaction, having fun at work, and choosing to be happy. She tells her personal story laced with humor and effective tools to manage morale, eliminate victim thinking, and eradicate judging.

(This session will not be included in the Online Library.)

6:30 pm – 8:45 pm
Grand Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall/Poster Viewing

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Comment from a 2011 Review Course attendee:

‘Good job and thorough presentation. The review course enabled me to be confident with what I knew and also to highlight what I needed to study more. Thank you!’
*Rhiannon McAlary, Bangor, PA.*
Nurses need healthy unit work environments so they can provide or alter patients’ internal and external environments, allowing the laws of nature to prevail and healing to take place. Such healthy practice environments are defined by clinical nurses as those that are adequately staffed with clinically competent nurses, support interdisciplinary collaboration, provide control over practice and autonomous decision-making for the benefit of the patient, and have a patient-first culture, supportive nurse manager, and opportunities for career/professional practice growth and development. Clinical nurses in hospital professional practice have the power to initiate action to improve their practice environments. The sources of this power and examples of clinical nurses using this power will be described.

9:15 am – 11:15 am
Exhibits Open/Poster Viewing

11:15 am – 12:30 pm
Concurrent Sessions (111-114) – 1.25 contact hours

111 I’m Not an Accountant and I Don’t Play One on TV: What Every Nurse Should Know About Health Care Finance and Reform
Lori L. Ewoldt, MA, BAN, RN

Health care reform legislation calls for ongoing changes in patient care through 2018 when full implementation will be complete. Many political candidates are promising to repeal all or parts of this law. Have you ever wondered what the impact will be on your clinical practice? This presentation will provide an overview of health care reform, describe the relationship between quality and financial outcomes, and highlight the significant impact that nurses have on both types of outcomes.

112 Enhanced Communication in Clinical Nursing Education
Jacqueline M. Puppe, MSN, RN
April Rowe Neal, MS, RN

A shared commitment by faculty, staff nurses, and students to clarify roles and expectations through enhanced communication improves the overall quality of the clinical experience for all involved and optimizes patient safety. Communication tips for the staff nurse to improve clinical nursing education will be provided.

113 Creating a NICHE: Medical-Surgical Nurses’ Role in Successful Program Development
Eileen Sacco, MSN, RN, CNRN, ONC

This session will explore the challenges and opportunities faced by nurse leaders during the design and implementation of a Network NICHE program. Strategies from our experiences will be shared to help motivate, educate, and mentor staff to establish a foundation in geriatric sensitive care across all patient care units. Opportunities for medical-surgical nurses to embrace their practice and have a significant impact on successful program implementation above and beyond expectations will also be explored.

114 Sickle Cell Disease: Do You Know How to Care for These Patients?
Leisa A. Kelly, MS, APRN, CNS, CEN

Caring for sickle cell disease patients can often be challenging. A multidisciplinary team approach to care is much needed, as patients can benefit from the help of a case manager to navigate through the medical community. This session will address the needs of these patients and why every medical-surgical nurse should be aware of the most current management strategies available for this patient population.

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm
Pick Up Box Lunch

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm
Concurrent Sessions (121-124) – 1.0 contact hour
(Lunch & Learn Sessions)

121 Flying Blind: Our Journey Through an Acute Hospital Experience
Keith J. Launchbury, Btech, CFPM, CIRM, CSSCP
Claire V. Bloom, MSEL, MSSI, MBTI Master Practitioner, CIRM

Keith Launchbury and Claire Bloom were 3,000 miles from home when Keith was inexplicably and suddenly paralyzed. Their journey took 42 days and included three hospitals as they sought care for the cause: transverse myelitis. The couple will describe how even the most competent health care professionals can get lost trying to navigate the medical environment and how important nursing care is to patient and family support.

122 Understanding Immunizations
Joanne LaMantia Watts, MSN, APN, FNP-BC, ACNS-BC

This session will provide a focus on immunizations; the resurgence of childhood illnesses to which we thought we were immune; the new vaccines (and scheduling) for communicable diseases; and the future of vaccines for cancers, allergies, diabetes and more. In-depth focus will allow attendees to better understand the mechanisms, limitations, concerns, and goals of vaccines.

123 Evidence-Based Nursing Management of Enteral Feeding
Linda S. Gowenlock, MSN, MPH, RN, ACNS-BC, CWON
Nancy S. Hodge, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC

Care of patients with enteral feeding tubes is often based on tradition or unsupported interventions rather than evidence. Using a case study format, this session will examine current evidence and best practice regarding feeding tube placement confirmation, gastric residual volume, aspiration precautions, medication administration, and declogging methods.
124 Social Media

Joanne Turka, MSN, RN-B, CCRN

This interactive presentation will include generational and international influences on social media. Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and blogs will be discussed. Social media risks, including security, disclosure, surveillance, permanence, intellectual property, privacy, HIPAA, practice of medicine issues, and ethical issues will also be presented.

1:45 pm – 3:30 pm
Exhibits Open/Poster Viewing/Refreshment Break

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm
Concurrent Sessions (131-134) – 1.25 contact hours

131 Everyone Else is Doing It...And So Can You! Helping Bedside Nurses Realize Their Potential to Impact Nursing Practice Through Original Nursing Research
Roseanne DeFrancisco, MSN, RN
Lisa Barker Hawk, BSN, RN, CMSRN

Do bedside nurses realize the power they possess to better patient care and influence practice changes by conducting original nursing research? The presenters will share multiple resources and discuss ways of enhancing the medical-surgical nurse’s interest in nursing research and the possibilities that lead to practice changes and improved patient outcomes.

132 Caring for Patients with Chronic Pain: The Voices of Bedside Nurses
Esther Bernhofer, PhD, RN-BC
Mary Beth Modic, MSN, RN, CNS, CDE

Bedside nurses care for patients with pain every day and often manage the needs of those admitted with pre-existing chronic pain. This session will explore the results of a qualitative study that examined the experiences of bedside nurses who cared for patients with chronic pain in the acute care setting.

133 Making Sense of Neuromuscular Disorders of the Nervous System
Bethanne McCabe, MSN, RN, CNRN

This session will focus on both the Guillain-Barre Syndrome and Myasthenia Gravis disorders of the nervous system. In-depth examination will allow for a comparison/contrast of physical assessment and diagnostic parameters, patient problems, treatment, and expected outcomes.

134 Nurses as the Primary Drivers in HCAHPS and VBP
Linda A. Tjiong, DBA, MSN, RN, NE-B

This session will discuss the impact of Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) and Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) on nursing practice, specifically in medical-surgical areas. Lessons learned from the experience of a hospital where family and patients are equal partners in the health care team will be shared to showcase the importance of the collaborative effort.

SUNDAY, October 6, 2012

7:00 am – 8:30 am
Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:15 am

201 Town Hall – 1.25 contact hours
Exemplary Medical-Surgical Units and Improved Outcomes: A Town Hall Meeting
Jill Arzouman, MS, RN, CMSRN, ACNS, BC
Denise Verosky, MSN, RN, CMSRN, ACNS-BC, ACHPN

The interactive Town Hall is one of the convention highlights. This session will describe the characteristics of nursing units which lead to exemplary medical-surgical nursing practice. Attendees at this session will learn how premier medical surgical nursing units, working together with compassion, commitment, and connection, can achieve outstanding patient and nursing satisfaction outcomes. The new AMSN PRISM Award will also be introduced.

9:15 am – 9:45 am
Awards Presentation

10:00 am – 11:15 am
Concurrent Sessions (211-214) – 1.25 contact hours

211 Collaborative Quality: Care of the Patient with Prostate Cancer
Juli Aistars, MS, RN, AOCN

Patients dealing with prostate cancer symptoms and non-cancerous prostate conditions can greatly benefit from a multidisciplinary approach to care. Join us for this session as we discuss the role of the prostate nurse navigator in the process and share benefits and information on how a collaborative approach to care can help provide continuity and quality of care, improved outcomes, and fewer complications.

212 Bariatric Care: A Multidisciplinary Approach
Karen Flanders, FNP, AANP, CBN, NP-C

This session will provide an understanding of the surgical treatment used for morbid obesity and metabolic disorders. The need for a comprehensive multidisciplinary approach to treatment of the individual undergoing inpatient surgery will also be addressed.

213 Physician/Nurse Conflict: Have We Really Made Any Progress?
Susan Czarnionka, MBA, BSN, RN, CCVN

Using research-based personality strategies can help to resolve workplace conflict. The Joint Commission identifies physician/nurse communication as a major factor in patient safety. This session will examine approaches to improve communication and collaboration with physicians and other health care personnel. Examples of miscommunication and/or hostile behavior in the workplace will be shared and interactive participation to offer strategies for conflict resolution will be provided.

214 Patient-Centric Care: An Approach to Providing Safe Use of Insulin Pumps in the Hospital Setting
Doris Meehan, MSN, RN-B, ACNS-BC
Irma Moore, RN, CMSRN, NP, CNS, CDE
Joanne Turka, MSN, RN-BC, CCRN

Insulin pump therapy in the hospital setting presents challenges to the health care system. This session will provide an approach to providing patient-centric care to this high-risk, low-volume population. Discussion will include process development, the use of technology, responsibilities of the transdisciplinary team, challenges, and outcomes.
11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Concurrent Sessions (221-224) – 1.0 contact hour

223 A Multidisciplinary, Outcome-Driven TJR Program on a Medical-Surgical Unit
Maggie Meyer-Lebel, MSN, RN, CMSRN, OCN
Elizabeth Corpuz, MSPT, PT, OCS

The number of total joint replacement (TJR) surgeries is rising; the current health care climate demands quality surgical outcomes that are fiscally prudent. Medical-surgical units within small community hospitals can achieve the same TJR outcomes as orthopedic specialty-driven hospitals by implementing evidence-based practice protocols and using a multidisciplinary outcome-driven approach.

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Lunch on Your Own

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm
Concurrent Sessions (231-234) – 1.25 contact hours

231 Professional Empowerment – Peer-to-Peer Review in a Medical-Surgical Setting
Charlene Griffin, MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC

This interactive presentation will describe the importance of professional practice in relation to peer-to-peer dialogue. It will help define what peer-to-peer review is and how respectful communication creates a healthy work environment using Jean Watson’s Caritas process.

232 Medical-Surgical Setting
Joanne LaMantia Watts, MSN, APN, FNP-BC, ACNS-BC

Learn about the National Institute of Health’s 2012 guideline for patients with cardiovascular risk factors. Highlights from the JNC 8, ATP IV, and Obesity 2 will be discussed in terms of recommendations for diagnosis (methods and numbers), treatments (medical and complementary) and nursing implications (in/outpatient).

233 Creating a Healing Environment: Bridging the Gap Between Traditional and Complementary Therapy
Sandra Wade, MN, APRN-CNS
Angela Dykes, BSN, RN

This session will discuss the effects of a healing environment on anxiety, pain, and environmental noise. A study will be described in which soothing music and white noise were used in conjunction with prescribed analgesia to promote a healing environment. Applications of interventions to other inpatient areas will be discussed.

234 Care of the Patient with an Epidural or Peripheral Nerve Block Analgesia
Julie R. Welsh, MN, APN, CMSRN, CNS-BC, RN-BC
Julie Golembiewski, PharmD

An epidural or nerve block center catheter is commonly used for postoperative pain relief. This presentation will help you learn the proper monitoring, patient education, management of adverse effects, treatment of local anesthetic systemic toxicity, and when to stop the infusion and obtain immediate assistance for patients with these catheters.
SUNDAY, October 7, 2012

7:00 am – 1:45 pm
Registration Open

7:30 am – 8:00 am
Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:15 am
301 General Session – 1.25 contact hours
Bridging the Gap Between Legislation and the Work of the Frontline Nurse
Christine Deschamps, MSLBE, BSN, RN
Numerous regulatory provisions help ensure better care, better health, and lower cost to Americans. This interactive session will explain the three aims of the Affordable Care Act and demonstrate quality improvement tools that will deepen frontline nursing skills to instantly drive innovation in patient care delivery.

9:15 am – 9:45 am
Induction Ceremony and President’s Address
Kathleen Lattavo, MSN, RN, CNS-MS, CMSRN
AMSN President, 2012-2014

10:00 am – 11:00 am
Concurrent Sessions (311-314) – 1.0 contact hour

311 The Air We Do Not Want to See: The Development and Treatment of a Pneumothorax
Michael A. Frace, MSN, RNC-NIC, C-NPT, NNP-BC, RRT
A pneumothorax is a life-threatening emergency we must all be prepared to treat. This session will review pulmonary anatomy and physiology to fully understand the development of a pneumothorax, chest tube placement, set up and function of chest drainage systems, and the physical assessment of a patient with a chest tube.

312 Blending Transformational Leadership and Management by Metrics
Earl Dalton, MSL, MHA, BSN, RN, NEA-BC
This session will share the experience of transformative leadership that occurs when an outcome-driven model of care is developed that supports accountability at the unit level. Through leadership development and succession planning, strategies and structures can be crafted to help medical-surgical nurses and their institutions ensure a set pace with the changing dynamics of the health care profession.

11:15 am – 12:15 pm
Concurrent Sessions (321-324) – 1.0 contact hour

321 Expanded Roles for the Medical-Surgical Nurse
Alice Poyss, PhD, RN, APRN-BC
Changes in health care delivery provide the opportunity for expanded roles for medical-surgical nurses. This session will explore some of the opportunities available for medical-surgical nurses and the shift toward an interdisciplinary team model of care focused on providing high-quality, patient-centered services.

322 Not Just for Kids: Managing the Adult Cystic Fibrosis Patient on a Medical-Surgical Unit
Heather Craven, MS, RN, CMSRN
With advances in medicine, cystic fibrosis (CF) patients’ life expectancy can be measured in decades rather than years. This session will provide a brief overview of this disease process and describe how multidisciplinary staff worked collaboratively to plan and implement an evidence-based model to meet the unique needs of adult CF patients.

323 How to Identify and Treat Acute Electrolyte Disorders
Kristin Larson, RN, ANP, GNP, CNN
This session will focus on common electrolyte imbalances with a review of pathology and symptom presentation. Through interaction and discussion, case studies will be used to further explore treatment strategies involving pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic intervention.

324 What’s GERD Got to Do With It?
Angela Tosaw, BSN, RN, CCRN
This session will feature a review of GERD, focusing on the many associated complications, diagnostics, and current treatment guidelines as they apply to the medical-surgical nurse.

MONDAY, October 8, 2012

7:30 am – 8:00 am
Sign In – Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN®) Exam

8:00 am – 12:00 pm
CMSRN Exam. Separate application fee and pre-registration required. See page 11 for application submission details.
The education sessions, exhibit hall, and special events will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center, located at 100 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT, 84101. Meetings and other activities will be held at both of the hotels shown below. These hotels are across the street from the Convention Center.

The convention registration desk will be located at the Convention Center. When you register, you will be given full information about the location of all education sessions and events.

Hotel Information

**Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown**
75 South West Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

**Hilton Salt Lake City Center**
255 South West Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

For reservations call the AMSN Housing Desk at 877-505-0680.

Note: Hotel cancellations after September 10, 2012, and prior to 72 hours before arrival date will be subject to a $25 processing fee. One night’s room and tax will be forfeited entirely if cancellation occurs within 72 hours of arrival.

A block of rooms has been secured at both hotels for the rates listed below:
- $185 Single/Double occupancy
- $200 Triple occupancy
- $215 Quad occupancy

Rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently at 12.72%). The special rates are available until August 31, 2012. Reservations made after this date are subject to space and rate availability.

**Airport**

The hotels are about 6 miles from the Salt Lake City International Airport. Cab service through Xpress Shuttle Service is available for $8 one way. Shuttle service reservations are required; call 801-596-1600 or 800-397-0773 (prices subject to change).

**Weather**

Typical weather conditions vary from 50 to 65 degrees. Please remember to pack a sweater as conference rooms in the Convention Center may get cold. We suggest you bring comfortable walking shoes for your convention activities.

**Payment Policy, Fees, and Confirmation Notice**

Registrations will be processed only when accompanied by full payment. If a check is returned by the bank for insufficient funds, full payment must include an additional $30 for bank processing charges and must be paid with a cashier’s check, money order, or credit card. If payment is not received by the AMSN National Office prior to the convention, you may pay the full amount on-site. If you do not receive registration confirmation one week prior to the meeting, contact the AMSN National Office at 866-877-2676 or e-mail amsn@bjj.com. Purchase orders are not accepted as payment. (All fees are in U.S. dollars.)

**Cancellations and Substitutions**

Cancellations and substitutions must be requested in writing. We will be happy to refund your registration fee, less a $50 administration fee, if received prior to September 3, 2012. No refunds will be made after that date. AMSN membership dues are nonrefundable. All other monies will be returned to the party who originally issued payment. If you are unable to attend, a substitution may be made. If the substitute is not an AMSN member, additional fees may apply.

In the event AMSN should find it necessary to cancel or postpone this convention for any reason including but not limited to registration responses, strikes, or acts of God, AMSN will not be liable for registrants’ expenses. In whatever manner the cancellation/postponement is ultimately resolved, AMSN will act responsibly to protect members’ and registrants’ investment in the convention and association.

**Opening Reception, Exhibit Hall, and Poster Presentations**

Join us Thursday evening, October 4, 2012, for the Opening Reception. Enjoy light food and beverages as you network and visit with exhibitors in the Exhibit Hall. The vendors will show you how the latest products, technologies, and publications will enhance your practice.

Poster presentations will spotlight your colleagues who want to share what they are doing on medical-surgical units around the world. Posters may be viewed on both Thursday and Friday.

Be sure to visit the AMSN Booth in the Exhibit Hall and discover more about the association and member benefits. The AMSN Booth also features information from the Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNCB), the affiliate certification organization of AMSN.

Guest Registration for the Opening Reception on Thursday evening, October 4, is $30. Guest badges may be purchased using the registration form in this brochure or at the Convention Registration Desk.
The FASTEST and EASIEST way to register is ONLINE!

Visit www.amsn.org/conv for details about registration discounts and complete convention information.

You will need a credit card and e-mail address.

**Early Bird Deadline**

**August 1, 2012**

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Full registration includes:

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- Opening Reception
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**Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN®) Exam**

The Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNCB) is pleased to offer a post-convention Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN) certification exam on Monday, October 8, 2012, at the Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown. A separate application and registration fee are required to take the exam.

Visit www.msncb.org to access the exam application. Register online, or download the application to send via U.S. mail by August 1, 2012. You may request a mailed application by calling 866-877-2676.

The application deadline for this exam is **August 1, 2012**. No applications will be accepted after this date. No exam applications will be accepted on-site.

Consider taking the Certification Review Course on Wednesday and Thursday, then sitting for the CMSRN exam on Monday.

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Pre-Convention Registration Fees - Additional Fee Required

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Guest (other than attendee) Special Offer

Thursday’s Opening Ceremony & Reception Only (Guest Name) $30

Concurrent Sessions

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