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Nursing Research Symposium Receives Rave Reviews

On May 11, more than 110 clinical professionals representing a variety of disciplines at Children's attended the second annual Nursing Research Symposium: Striving for Excellence. The internal conference, held during National Nurses Week, provided a platform for nurses and allied health professionals at the bedside to expand their research knowledge base.

"Last year's conference was such a success that we reached registration capacity in just four days this year," said Linda Riley, Director Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice. "Children's nurses are excited to discuss the importance of Evidence Based Practice in the delivery of the care for our patients and network with others in the System with similar interests."

In addition to 14 highly rated poster presentations, Angela Green, PhD, APN, John Boyd Family Endowed Chair in Pediatric Nursing and Director of Nursing Research at Arkansas Children's Hospital, shared her thoughts on building the bridge to the future through research and Evidence Based practice.

Participants were overwhelmingly complimentary of the symposium:

- "I feel inspired! It's beneficial to hear from other nurses about their projects—it makes it real and possible."
- Great speakers, wealth of knowledge and deep resources at Children's. Thank you for equipping me with the knowledge to build a solid research foundation."
- "Now, I'll be able to lead my staff in more active Evidence Based Practice and provide education on why this is so important and relevant to direct patient care."
- "I'm planning on doing a research study now. This symposium should be offered to reach more professionals or held in a bigger location."
- "The poster presentation session showed me that research is happening here at Children's."
- "The librarians were wonderful. Now I can format questions to improve my literature searches."

On May 12, Children's also offered Nursing Research Grand Rounds at Children's at Egleston, Children's at Scottish Rite and Children's at Hughes Spalding. Each campus featured a different speaker and focused on several topics including, the quality of life after a pediatric heart transplant, the critical role professional nurses play in nursing research and Evidence Based Practice and nursing research.

For more information and to view the presentation material from the Nursing Research Symposium and Nursing Research Grand Rounds, visit the [Nursing Research pages](#).

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Marcus Autism Center Breaks Ground on New Parking Lot and Playground

On June 13, Marcus Autism Center officially broke ground on an extended parking lot, a much needed addition to its facilities. A playground occupies the area where the new parking lot will go, so a new and improved playground will be rebuilt in a location just behind the lot.

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"She's Our Dynamo"—Volunteer at Children's at Egleston Spotlighted for Her Service

Children's employees see big miracles in the small bodies of the patients we care for every day. But there's one pint-sized dynamo of a volunteer at Children's at Egleston who is making her mark one step at a time - and she's taken over 1 million of those steps.

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Children's Employee Choir to Perform National Anthem at Georgia Force Game This Friday, June 17

This Friday, June 17, the Children's Employee Choir will sing the national anthem at a Georgia Force game. Georgia's arena football team will take on the New Orleans VooDoo at the Arena at Gwinnett Center at 8:05 p.m., and the choir will perform right before kickoff.

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Children's Celebrates June Catch Me at My Best Winners

Congratulations to employees Breanna Waever, Hollis Smith and Candace Clarke for winning this month's Catch Me at My Best drawing for a Children's duffle bag.

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Donna Hyland Selected as One of the 100 Most Influential Atlantans

Atlanta Business Chronicle recently selected Donna Hyland, Children's CEO, as one of the 100 Most Influential Atlantans for 2011. This is the first year she has been profiled on the prestigious list.

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