Schedule

7 – 8:15 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 8:15 a.m. MNA Ballot Initiative:
The MNA Ballot Initiative for Safe Patient Limits: The Key to Protecting Your Patients and Your Clinical Practice
Donna Kelly-Williams, RN, President of the MNA

8:15 – 8:30 a.m. Welcome & Opening Remarks

8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. Keynote Address
Faces of Addiction
Adam Barrett and Anthony Sideri

The opioid epidemic has challenged health care providers and families to rethink the historically held image of those affected by addiction. True stories from these speakers, which will detail the paths they chose that led to substance abuse, will assist nurses in understanding how drug addiction impacts many unsuspecting lives and how easily drugs can creep into the lives of those we know and care for.

10 – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Concurrent Sessions:

Update on Diabetes: Oral Agents, Insulins and Insulin Pumps
Diana G. Mercurio, RPh, CDE, CDOE, CVDOE

This program will discuss the pathophysiology of diabetes and nursing management. Current pharmacological treatments will be explored. The nurse’s role in education of self-management and support will be described.

Nursing Care of the LGBTQ Community
Kaitlin Nichols, RN, BSN, ACRN

Quality health outcomes for patients in the LGBTQ community are often dependent on the provision of culturally competent care. In this session, potential barriers to culturally competent care will be discussed, as will relevant terminology, gender, and sexuality. Nursing care of the transgender community, including best practices and emerging issues, will be explored.

The Pathophysiology of Addiction and Today’s Exotic Drugs
Dr. Eike Blohm, MD

This program will discuss the pathophysiology of addiction as a disease entity that exists and plagues many people today. The new “exotic drugs of abuse” will also be reviewed.

Disorders of the Skin: What Nurses Should know
Ellen Mc Cafferty-O’Connell, GNP, DC

This program will provide nurses with information about eczema, acne and facial rashes and the associated diagnosis and treatment of such diseases.

12 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch
Considering Returning to School for a BSN or MSN? Visit our vendor booths.

1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions:

The Medical Management of Dealing for the Acutely Ill Toxidrome Patient
Dr. Eike Blohm, MD

This program session will demonstrate how the management of a critically ill patient changes in the presence of toxic substances of abuse. Case studies will be included to demonstrate how deviation from the standard of ACLS medical care are utilized in medical management of toxidrome and serotonin syndrome.

Anti-Coagulation: A Nurse’s Perspective
Ann Pianka, ANP, MSN, CACP

Updates on anti-coagulation therapy, treatment decisions, and nursing strategies for assessment and patient education will enhance the nurse’s clinical practice.

Nursing Implications of Medical Marijuana
Dr. Karen Munkacy

This timely topic will address the clinical use of medical marijuana and the nursing implications for clinical management. With the recent expansion of the law regarding medical marijuana in Massachusetts, nurses will likely need a greater understanding of the indications, side effects, and contraindications of medical marijuana.

2:45 – 2:55 p.m. Break

2:55 – 4 p.m. Closing Session

Twig of Hope: Surviving Life Altering Incidents through Love, Determination and Advocacy
Ellen Rogers

This program will focus on how a single mother of five was able to help her 22-year-old son recover from a devastating car crash that left him fighting for his life. It will also highlight how two local support/advocacy groups, “Helping Hands” and “Monkey Helpers for the Disabled” have assisted in her family’s recovery and continued healing.

4 – 4:15 p.m. Closing Remarks
This full-day clinical program is designed to update registered nurses on a variety of current clinical topics and relevant issues pertinent to today's nursing practice.

Program Cancellation
MNA reserves the right to change speakers or cancel programs for extenuating circumstances.

Disability Help
Contact Liz Chmielinski at 781-830-5719 with questions about special needs accessibility.

Refund
Refund of the placeholder fee will be issued up to two weeks before the program date. If registrants do not attend the program or call to cancel, the fee will not be refunded.

Placeholder Fee
A payment of $75 must be submitted with your registration. Payment by credit card is available online at www.massnurses.org; go to the Professional Development/CE page of the website. If you pay by check, it will be returned upon attendance.

Chemical Sensitivity
Attendees are requested to avoid wearing scented personal products when attending the 12th Annual MNA Clinical Nursing Conference. Scents may trigger responses in those with chemical sensitivity.

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Every effort will be made to accommodate your selections. To register, please return the completed form with your check payable to MNA for the placeholder fee of $75 to:

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For online registrations go to www.massnurses.org and click on the News and Events page.

Sessions fill on a space available basis, and will close once seating capacity is reached.

You must indicate your “1st,” “2nd,” and “3rd” choices for the following morning concurrent sessions:

_____ Diabetes  ____ Care of LGBTQ  ____ Exotic Drugs of Addiction  ____ Dermatology

You must indicate your “1st,” “2nd,” and “3rd” choices for the following afternoon concurrent sessions:

_____Diabetes  ____ Toxidrome Patient  ____ Anti-Coagulation  ____ Medical Marijuana

Directions
From the North:
Take Rt. 495-S. Get off at Exit 25B. Take Rt. 290-W. Get off at Exit 18. Follow signs to the DCU Center.

From the East:
Take I-90-W (Mass. Turnpike West) to Rt. 495-N to Rt. 290-W. Get off at Exit 18. Follow signs to the DCU Center.

From the South:
Take Rt. 495-N to Rt. 290-W. Get off at Exit 18. Follow signs to the DCU Center.

From the West:
Take I-90-E. (the Mass. Turnpike East) to Exit 10 (Auburn). After the tollbooth, bear left at the fork. Take Rt. 290-E. Get off at Exit 16. Take a left at the bottom of the ramp (there is a light). At the 3rd set of lights (Major Taylor Boulevard), the DCU Center is on your left.

Parking
Parking is available for a fee in multiple locations around the DCU Center.

Hotel Information
The MNA has secured several single and double rooms for $129, plus 14.45% tax, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Worcester, MA. It is adjacent to the DCU Center. Parking is $9.95 per night. For reservations call 508-753-5700.

Contact Hours
Continuing nursing education contact hours will be provided. To successfully complete a program and receive contact hours, you must: 1) sign in, 2) be present for the entire time period of the sessions, and 3) complete and submit the evaluation.

The Massachusetts Nurses Association is accredited with distinction as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.