



# Partners Program Newsletter

Issue 2, February 2017

## Website Updates

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### [New Partners Website is Live!](#)

The New Partners website, [www.PartnersPRN.org](http://www.PartnersPRN.org), went LIVE on October 1, 2016. In designing the new site, we aimed to provide a more modern look, intuitive functionality, and streamlined navigation.

If you'd like to provide feedback on the new site or have any suggestions for improvement, click this link to complete a QUICK SurveyMonkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2PPDD97>

### [Partners Is Now On Facebook!](#)

Partners in Bleeding Disorders Education has a new Facebook page! Here we'll post weekly updates on new modules, live programs, and other exciting developments.

"Like" our page at [www.facebook.com/PartnersPRN/](http://www.facebook.com/PartnersPRN/) for all the latest!



## Upcoming Live Partners Programs

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Do you prefer live programs over online activities? Check out our upcoming [live programs](#) at [www.PartnersPRN.org](http://www.PartnersPRN.org) to see if any may be right for you. All 2017 programs have been posted and are open for registration! Programs are listed below.

- ❖ Basic Partners for Social Workers, March 6-8, 2017
- ❖ Basic Partners, May 8-10, 2017
- ❖ Basic Partners, August 14-16, 2017
- ❖ Advanced Partners for PTs, September 14-16, 2017
- ❖ Advanced Nursing Topics I, October 8-10, 2017
- ❖ Basic Partners, November 6-8, 2017
- ❖ Presentation Skills Workshop, November 12-14, 2017

There is no registration fee to attend our live events. Program costs are covered by an unrestricted educational grant from Shire. Travel and lodging are paid for by the Indiana Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center.

To register for a live program, login at [www.PartnersPRN.org](http://www.PartnersPRN.org) and click on Program Application. Select the program of your choice on the application form, and complete the rest of your form. Registration requires approval from your Regional Coordinator – this automated process will begin as soon as you submit your registration form!





## Online Module Updates

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Do you need help keeping up with the many activities on the PartnersPRN website? Here's a breakdown of the latest accredited modules for our different target audiences. All modules can be found at: <http://partnersprn.org/online/>.

### Social Worker and Nurse Credit

#### Outreach Clinics: Pitfalls and Pearls

**Status:** Launched December 19, 2016 in [Outreach](#) category

**By:** Brenda Riske, MS, MBA, MPA  
Brian M. Wicklund, MDCM, MPH  
Marcia Bird, LMSW

**Aim:** To enable the learner to incorporate knowledge concerning outreach clinics and their role in expanding specialized care for those with bleeding disorders into daily practice

**Credit:** Approved by National Association of Social Workers (NASW) for 1.0 continuing education contact hour  
This activity is provided for 1.0 contact hours under ANCC criteria.<sup>§</sup>

### Social Worker and Nurse Credit

#### Psychosocial Issues and Coping Strategies for Persons and Families Living with an Inhibitor

**Status:** Launched February 8, 2017 in [Psychosocial Health](#) category

**By:** Susan Cutter, LCSW, MPA

**Aim:** To enable the learner to address the burden of reduced health-related quality of life (HRQoL) that has been documented among persons and families with an inhibitor.

**Credit:** Approved by National Association of Social Workers (NASW) for 1.0 continuing education contact hour  
This activity is provided for 0.75 contact hours under ANCC criteria.<sup>§</sup>



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<sup>§</sup> Regarding all modules that carry contact hours approved by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing Continuing Nursing Education is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

The University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing Continuing Nursing Education has been awarded Accreditation with Distinction, the highest recognition awarded by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Accreditation Program. This distinction is valid through 2020.



## Dental Hygienist and Nurse Credit

### Dental Management for Persons with Bleeding Disorders

**Status:** Launched June 6, 2016 in [Special Issues in Hemophilia](#) category

**By:** Janet Mulherin, RDH  
Jim Munn, RN, BS, BSN, MS  
Rea Rhoads, RDH  
Karen Ridley, RDH, MS

**Aim:** To enable the learner to develop knowledge related to the role of dental care in the bleeding disorders comprehensive care model and to apply that knowledge to recommendations for preventive care, treatment of dental conditions, and hemostatic management prior to and following dental procedures.

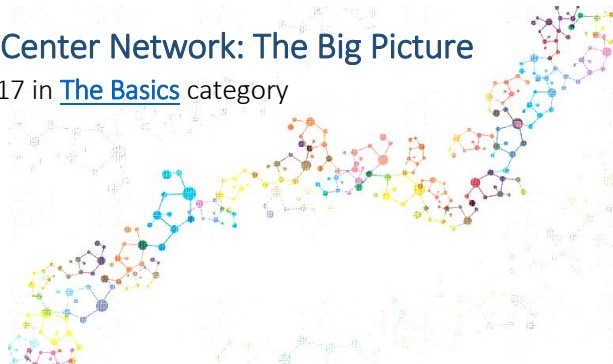
**Credit:** Approved by American Dental Association (ADA) Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP) for **1.0** contact hours. \*\*  
This activity is provided for **1.0** contact hours under ANCC criteria.<sup>§</sup>

## Nurse Credit

### U.S. Hemophilia Treatment Center Network: The Big Picture

**Status:** Launched February 13, 2017 in [The Basics](#) category

**By:** Susan Cutter, LCSW, MPA  
Karen Droze, MS  
Ann Forsberg, MA, MPH  
Nicole Hroma, PT  
Susan Zappa, RN-BC, CPN  
Natalie Duncan, MPH



**Aim:** To familiarize staff of the 140+ federally recognized U.S. hemophilia treatment centers (HTCs) with the network to which those HTCs belong. The organization of the network has allowed the development and refinement of the hemophilia comprehensive care model, associated with significant reduction in hemophilia morbidity and mortality. Funding sources, data collection efforts, and research findings are described.

**Credit:** This activity is provided for **0.5** contact hours under ANCC criteria.<sup>§</sup>

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\*\* The University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry Office of Continuing Education is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider.



## Nurse Credit

### HTC Multidisciplinary Team: Roles and Responsibilities

**Status:** Launched February 13, 2017 in [The Basics](#) category

**By:** Susan Cutter, LCSW, MPA  
Karen Droze, MS  
Ann Forsberg, MA, MPH  
Nicole Hroma, PT  
Susan Zappa, RN-BC, CPN  
Natalie Duncan, MPH



**Aim:** To familiarize staff of the 140+ federally recognized U.S. hemophilia treatment centers (HTCs) with the roles and responsibilities of the members of the HTC multidisciplinary team, as outlined by the Medical and Scientific Advisory Council (MASAC) of the National Hemophilia Foundation.

**Credit:** This activity is provided for 0.5 contact hours under ANCC criteria.<sup>§</sup>

## Nurse Credit

### The 340B Pharmacy Program and the HTC

**Status:** Launched February 27, 2017 in [The Basics](#) category

**By:** Jeff Blake, MBA, CEBS

**Aim:** To familiarize nurses, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and other staff working in the U.S. Hemophilia Treatment Center (HTC) Network with the 340B Pharmacy Program and its role in the HTC Network.

**Credit:** This activity is provided for 0.5 contact hours under ANCC criteria.<sup>§</sup>





## Hemostasis Nursing Board Certification Corner

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In 2015, the [American Nurses Credentialing Center](#), in collaboration with the [American Thrombosis and Hemostasis Network](#) and the [Partners in Bleeding Disorders Education Program](#), launched a board certification program for hemostasis nurses. The certification is earned through review of a portfolio — a collection of evidence documenting your specialized knowledge, skills, understanding, and application of professional nursing practice and theory. There is no examination required to become board certified.

[Learn more about the certification and the Partners subsidy](#) to help cover the cost of certification for hemostasis nurses working at a federally recognized hemophilia treatment center to treat patients with bleeding disorders.

### **ANCC Board Certification Program Discounts**

Now is the perfect opportunity for nurses to get Board Certified! The American Nurses Credentialing Center is offering a Special Discount for initial certification applicants of just **\$290** (usually \$470-\$525). With the Partners Program subsidy, successful Board Certification applicants who are employed by a federally recognized Hemophilia Treatment Center and treat patients with bleeding disorders will pay as little as **\$58!** [Access all the information you need regarding fees and discounts and get certified today!](#)

### **[Hemostasis Nursing Board Certification Survey Results](#)**

To become Board Certified in Hemostasis Nursing is a major accomplishment. The Partners Program wishes to recognize nurses in the HTC community who have achieved this distinction.

In January 2017, Partners sent a survey to 480 nurses in the U.S. HTC network, using the CDC HTC Directory and the Partners database to create our distribution list. This simple survey asked nurses whether they are Board Certified in Hemostasis Nursing (RN-BC). Optional questions elicit respondent first/last name, credentials, and comments.

Of the 480 nurses receiving this survey in January, 118 responded (24.5% response rate) and 17 indicated that they were Board Certified in Hemostasis Nursing. Partners wishes to recognize the following nurses for their achievement:

- ❖ **Linda Belling, RN-BC, MS, CRRN** – Hemophilia Center of Western New York
- ❖ **Diane Burnett, RN-BC, APRN, BSN, CPNP** – University of Louisville HTC
- ❖ **Regina Butler, RN-BC** – Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- ❖ **Mary Jane Frey, RN-BC, BSN, CPN** – Children’s Hospital of Michigan
- ❖ **Becky Garcia, RN-BC, BSN, CPN** – Phoenix Children’s Hospital
- ❖ **Susan Hunter, BSN, RN, RN-BC** – University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center
- ❖ **Penny Kumpf, RN-BC, BSN** – Hemophilia of Georgia
- ❖ **Jen Maahs, RN-BC, MSN, PNP** – Indiana Hemophilia & Thrombosis Center
- ❖ **Janet Martin, RN-BC, BSN, CPN** – University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center
- ❖ **Jim Munn, RN-BC, MS** – University of Michigan
- ❖ **Maria Santaella, MSN, RN-BC, CPHON®** - University of Miami Hemophilia Treatment Center
- ❖ **Kim Schafer, RN-BC, MSN, FNP** – University of California at Davis
- ❖ **Anita Smith, BS, RN-BC, CPNP** – Wake Forest University School of Medicine Comprehensive Hemophilia Diagnostic and Treatment Center
- ❖ **Patsy Yoder, RN-BC** – Indiana Hemophilia & Thrombosis Center
- ❖ **Susan Zappa, RN-BC, CPN** – Partners Program Nurse Consultant



If you are an HTC Nurse who missed out on completing this survey, it's not too late! You can access the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RN-BC>. We will continue to recognize Board Certified Hemostasis Nurses in future issues of our newsletter!

### What HTC Nurses Are Saying about the RN-BC Program

Do you want to pursue Hemostasis RN-BC certification but don't know where to begin? Are you overwhelmed and constrained by time? **You are not alone.** Here is what other nurses are saying about the program and some encouragement, suggestions and links to help you wherever you are in your process.

- ***My RN-BC status is currently pending approval. I am so glad this is available to HTC nurses in the US!***
  - Congratulations on submitting your application! Upon approval, be sure to submit the Partners Subsidy Form accessible here: <http://partnersprn.org/certification/>. This will ensure reimbursement of up to 80% of the application cost.
- ***I've started the process but haven't yet completed it; it takes a bit more time than anticipated***
  - The ANCC estimates that a portfolio will take 6 months to complete. However, with completing work and family responsibilities, it may take you a longer time to complete your portfolio. We encourage you to work at your own pace and remain steadfast in your process no matter your timeline.
- ***Completing the Board Certification through Portfolio is on my to-do list for a later date; I am interested but have not been able to put together my portfolio due to time constraints***
  - We hope you are able to find the time to apply!
- ***I am interested in the program but I am not eligible, for instance due to being an LPN or too new to the HTC community***
  - We appreciate your interest and regret that the ANCC-established eligibility criteria may restrict some interested nurses from being able to apply. To learn more about who is eligible for this program, click here: <http://nursecredentialing.org/HemostasisNursing>.
- ***I have looked into the Board Certification through Portfolio, but I am not clear as to what all I need to do. I would be interested if someone can send me more information and/or a link to the best sources for the needed bleeding-specific CEUs***
  - The best primary source for information about the Board Certification through Portfolio program is the ANCC Hemostasis Nursing website, <http://nursecredentialing.org/HemostasisNursing>. This site has helpful information to guide you through the process. Three crucial resources include the [Portfolio Content Outline](#), [Certification Through Portfolio Application Requirements](#), and [Portfolio Preparation Tips](#). It is advisable to print these documents, review them before you start your application, and keep them handy throughout your work.
  - The best source for the needed bleeding-specific CEUs is your very own Partners in Bleeding Disorders Education Program website, [www.PartnersPRN.org](http://www.PartnersPRN.org)! This website represents the longest-running bleeding disorder-specific educational program in the United States. From this site, you can register for any of our live programs that carry nursing CEUs. You can also complete a compendium of [online modules](#) for CEUs. These resources are offered free of charge to nurses in the HTC community.
- ***While I am sure I meet the criteria, I am intimidated by the narrative exemplar requirement of the portfolio.***
  - The exemplar requirement of the portfolio is a clinical narrative addressing criteria elements of the [Portfolio Content Outline](#). It requires the use of specific examples in your practice and based on the knowledge and skills identified for the Hemostasis specialty (as described in the [Portfolio Content Outline](#)).



- *While my institution is designated as a Magnet hospital, it will not recognize this certification that is achieved through portfolio rather than examination*
  - The Partners Program Manager reported this issue to the ANCC and its collaborating partner, ATHN, on February 27, 2017. The following information was acquired:
    - As of June 2016, the database that Magnet institutions use to identify recognizable certifications was updated to include the Hemostasis Nursing Board Certification (RN-BC) program. The issue of Magnet institutions failing to recognize this Certification should no longer exist.
    - Those nurses who continue to encounter this issue are advised to contact:

**Cyndy Hagstrom**  
**Senior Magnet Program Analyst – Outcomes**  
**301.628.5264**

- *I was unaware of the opportunity to become Board Certified in Hemostasis Nursing*
  - The program has been promoted through Partners, ATHN, NHF, and regional coordinators, as well as by specific HTC's and at regional meetings. Efforts to ensure that all nurses are aware of this opportunity are ongoing.
- *I would like more information on how to maintain certification*
  - Certifications are renewed every 5 years. You may submit a renewal application up to 1 year prior to your expiration.
  - You may be able to track your professional development throughout the year on the ANCC website, so all your information is stored in one place when you are ready to renew.
  - Information about account setup and tracking professional development can be found at:  
<http://nursecredentialing.org/HemostasisNursing>.
    - You can also email ANCC at [certification@ana.org](mailto:certification@ana.org) or call them at 1-800-284-2378.

## February 28<sup>th</sup> is Rare Disease Day

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A rare disease is any disorder that affects a small percentage of the population. In the United States, the [Rare Diseases Act of 2002](#) defines rare disease according to prevalence, specifically "any disease or condition that affects fewer than 200,000 people in the United States", or about 1 in 1,500 people. Estimated to affect approximately 20,000 Americans, hemophilia is a rare disease, as are most of the conditions treated at U.S. Hemophilia Treatment Centers.

[Rare Disease Day](#) is held on the last day of February each year to raise awareness of rare diseases. This year the theme for the day is **Research**, which brings hope to the millions of people living with rare diseases across the world and their families. Ongoing research studies in hemophilia continue to investigate new treatments such as gene therapy and extended half-life recombinant products; outcomes associated with interventions such as exercise, physical therapy, prophylaxis, and joint replacement; and quality of life.