

SHARP HEALTHCARE NURSING LEADERSHIP

Name: Melodie Daniels PhD, RN, CNS

Title: Director of Education, Research, and Professional Practice
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Summary:

In my current role, I oversee program development, process implementation and evaluation of outcomes of care. I use clinical expertise and evidence to innovate nursing practice and improve patient and organizational outcomes. I facilitate the professional role development and growth of nurses and other healthcare professionals along the continuum from novice to expert. My skills include critical thinking and data analysis for performance improvement, evidence-based practice and research initiatives. I engage all levels of a diverse workforce in the achievement of ANCC Magnet program designation. I track nurse-sensitive indicators to improve the quality of patient care.

For my dissertation, my research focused on pain management for the identification of nurse-controlled predictors of pain in patients undergoing a total hip or total knee arthroplasty, an analysis of the predictors of pain.

Research Interests:

My research interests include standardized work for pain management, culturally sensitive care and professional development.

Education:

- PhD, Nursing, University of San Diego Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science, San Diego, CA, 2018
Dissertation: [Identification of Nurse-Controlled Predictors of Pain in Patients Undergoing a Total Hip or Total Knee Arthroplasty](#)
- MSN, Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Program (CNS/NP), San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, 2005
- Thesis: Development of a Mentoring Program Using Web-based Technology
- BSN, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, 1999
- AA, Human Biology, San Diego Mesa College, San Diego, CA, 1996

Recent Honors:

- Sharp Healthcare CORE Team Award for Community: Christie's Place Backpack Project
- 2016 Sharp Healthcare Pillar Team Award for Community: Christie's Place Backpack Project
- 2016 Sharp Healthcare CORE Team Award for Service: Pain Dashboard
- 2016 Sharp Healthcare Pillar Team Award for Service: Pain Dashboard
- 2016 Jonas Nurse Leader Scholarship
- 2016-17 Center of Nursing Excellence Scholarship
- 2018 Sharp Healthcare CORE Award Nomination Individual for Safety: Increasing Opioid Safety

Publications:

- Kwan, S., Daniels M.R., & Ryan L. (2015). Creating a standardized process to meet core measure compliance. *Journal of Nursing Care Quality*, 30(4), 331-336. doi:10.1097/NCQ.000000000000148
- Daniels, M.R. (2004). Mentoring: Link to the future. *Reflections on Nursing Leadership*, 24, 25, 44.

- Hobbs, J.L., & Begnaud, M.D. (2001). Improving nursing's first impression. *Excellence in Clinical Practice*, 2(4), 1, 4.

Favorite Leadership Quote:

"Because you are alive, everything is possible." Thich Nhat Hanh

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