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NEW SWAHS E-LEARNING CENTRE - OLCEN

A SWAHS pilot called On-Line Clinical Education in Nursing (OLCEN) led the way for the development of our new e-Learning Centre in which staff benefit from the latest information technology for training and professional development. Already members of staff are undertaking lectures 24/7 without leaving their work areas.

The OLCEN team consisted of SWAHS Executive sponsorship, partnerships with Faculty of Medicine IT, University of Sydney, Prof Chris Liddle, NSW Dept. of Commerce- Electronic Services, Office of Information and Communication Technology (OICT) Mr Colin Griffith, with Pete Needham of Helpwise, and Ms Liz Jakubowski. The local OLCEN team included a novel multidisciplinary membership from multi-media, IT, educational programmers and clinician-lecturers.

The original task was to develop a hospital-initiated, reproducible, web-based educational program for health professional development and training. Dr Lane said "The OLCEN team over-exceeded, as we counted 8 innovations achieved since 2/2006."

The OLCEN website is <http://www.wsahs.nsw.gov.au/NMPD/index.htm>.

Dr Lane had established an accredited cancer nursing curriculum with electives in Radiation (XRT) by Body Site and Ambulatory Infusion Services (AIS) as part of the Graduate Certificate in Specialty Nursing (GCSN) available through SWAHS. The OLCEN team then developed the OLCEN web-based delivery system and the foundations for the new e-Learning Centre. We managed user access and facilitated lecturer content development to become e-tutors. The OLCEN site includes research into 'ReMission' 3D animation psycho-educational materials; Nursing Interventions Classification (NIC) & Nursing Outcomes Classification (NOC) taxonomies for Clinical Information Systems (CIS).

OLCEN used the latest multi-media technologies to provide cancer nursing students with learning resources 24/7, including 85+ hours of lecture material, which can



Participants at OLCEN & CIS presentation

be downloaded to MP4/ video iPods or other hand held devices.

OLCEN established the benchmark in health workforce 'flexible learning' and was the catalyst for the establishment in 2008 of the e-Learning Centre, on SWAHS intranet and managed by SWAHS Learning and Development Services.

OLCEN was nominated for NSW Premier's Public Sector Awards (IT Category) 2006 and NSW Health Baxter Awards 2007, as well as demonstrated at The Clinical Excellence Commission, The Cancer Institute NSW and at NSW Health Expo at Australian Technology Park 2007.

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Dr Lane is now working on the next phase with Prof Jon Patrick (Health Information Technologies Research Laboratory: University of Sydney) who specialises in health enhancement technologies.

The strategic plan is to consolidate the educational and clinical contents of several health taxonomies. This means experimenting with NIC & NOC in conjunction with SNOMED-CT to develop a mock up of a Clinical Information Systems (CIS) for case management, shift hand-over and standardised patient care plans.

“With creative applications of the latest ideas in health information communication, retrieval and research, we can provide staff with critical information more quickly and reliably that will assist them to perform more effective direct patient care” said Dr Lane.

2008 IP CONFERENCE - 11th SEPT 2008



The 2nd Annual IP Management and Commercialisation for Hospitals Conference, will be held in the Loewenthal Auditorium at Westmead Hospital, Darcy Road, Westmead, Sydney, NSW on Thursday 11th September 2008.

Following the success of the Inaugural IP

Management and Commercialisation for Hospitals Conference in May 2007, the 2008 IP Conference will include presentations on the importance of Intellectual Property, insights into the process of establishing an Office of Commercialisation and other vital elements of commercialisation. The Conference is the collaboration of three peak groups - BioMed North Limited, the Sydney West Area Health Service Office of Commercialisation and the Northern Sydney Central Coast Health Office of Commercialisation.

The programme is an exciting one including Professor Steven Boyages presenting on the SWAHS IP perspective and Professor Carol Pollock the perspective of NSCCAHS. Sessions include The Strategic Importance of Intellectual Property in Health, Managing IP, and IP Commercialisation Case Studies.

Those who should attend include hospital-based executives, medical researchers from both health

and university sectors, clinicians, support staff and policy makers. And from Industry: IP investors and advisers, lawyers, patent attorneys, and health commercialisation professionals.

Major sponsors include the NSW Office for Science & Medical Research, Spruson&Ferguson, The Australian Institute For Commercialisation, Medical Technology Association of Australia and the National Health Sciences Centre.

The programme, registration form and sponsorship details will be available shortly at <http://www.officeofcommercialisation.com/site/pag28.php>.

CE INNOVATION FORUM

- 24th July 2008

The Chief Executive's Innovation Forums continue to engage staff, explore commercialisation of innovations and promote lively discussions. All staff are welcome to attend.

The fifth forum for 2008 is on Thursday 24th July, 8.30-9.30 am in Lecture Theatre 2, Education Block, Westmead Hospital.

The presenters are: Dr Steven Fleming PhD MSc BSc & Dr Howard Smith MB BS (Honours), BSc(med), PhD, FRACP, Director Westmead Fertility Centre, Head of Department of Reproductive Medicine at Westmead Hospital.

Their presentation is entitled *'Prospective controlled trial of a novel membrane-based electrophoretic method of sperm preparation for assisted reproduction'*.

RESEARCHERS GUIDELINES

What must I do if I think I may have made an Invention?

The SWAHS Office of Commercialisation can advise you what steps you need to take to protect your Intellectual Property (IP) and you should consult with them prior to publishing any details. The SWAHS OOC has put together some guidelines on 'What is intellectual property?' and 'What are intellectual property rights?' plus a table which outlines the various types of intellectual property. Specific advice should be sought on a case by case basis. These guidelines can be downloaded from <http://www.officeofcommercialisation.com/site/msw15.php>.

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