Session 5: Special Interest Groups: Community Building and Knowledge Sharing

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Agenda

- Introduction
- What is a Special Interest Group (SIG)?
- SIG Structures and Supports
- Small Group Discussion
- Feedback and Next Steps

Session Objectives

1) Discuss the vision for creating NICHE SIGs
2) Gain member feedback on structures, support, and the role of the SIGs in NICHE
3) Brainstorm SIG projects and activities
4) Connect with colleagues to form SIGs
INTRODUCTION

NICHE seeks to develop Special Interest Groups (SIGs) with the goal of:

1) Developing a formal program to involve NICHE members to advance geriatric nursing excellence

2) Increase the sense of belonging among nurses participating in NICHE by creating volunteer opportunities for professional growth and leadership development at the regional and national levels

What is a Special Interest Group (SIG)?

....SIGs are communities of individuals who are interested in sharing ideas, knowledge and experiences with others in the field.
What is your special interest?

• Geography – regional focus
• Clinical Topics – falls, skin, mental health, delirium, etc.
• Organizational Focus – cancer centers, academic health science centers, etc.
• Job Category – GRNs, quality improvement leaders, APRNs, Clinical Nurse Leaders, etc.

Who should join a NICHE SIG?

• NICHE coordinators and other steering committee members
• GRNs who have specific interest and the time
• Staff nurses interested in becoming GRNs who want to take on a leadership role at the local level
• Educational partners (eg: local Alzheimer’s Association chapter, schools of nursing)
• All are welcome to participate
**Emerging NICHE SIGs**

**Regions**
- Alabama
- Florida
- New York (North and Western)
- Delaware
- Michigan
- Texas
- North and South Carolina

**Specialty Practice**
- Geropsych
- Cancer Centers

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**Organizing a Special Interest Group**
- Regional/Content Volunteer Leaders
- Begin communicating with one another
  - Gather contact information
  - Schedule conference calls
- Brainstorm a list of projects and initiatives
- Identify bounds of SIG governance
- Determine level of support and involvement from NICHE national office

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**Developing a Management Framework**
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Determine best practices for continued communication
- Timeframes
- Types of communication

Decide who will do the communication within your group
- Does someone in the group have the administrative support to assist?
- Does a particular individual have the time and the motivation to keep this moving?

Determine best place to store information for dissemination
- Knowledge Center
- Password protected page on website

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Determine the best way to manage and support the NICHE SIGs
- Group Leader
- Secretary – record meeting notes for distribution
- Communications manager

Timeframe for establishing elected volunteer leaders

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*Special Interest Group Contributions*
NICHE Conference

- Submit a “Success Story” to be published in Geriatric Nursing
- Work with the NICHE team to develop a case about your organization’s program implementation successes and challenges
- Host a regional meeting – live or webinar format
- Submit ideas for tools, resources, projects to benefit all NICHE members
- Post program updates on the NICHE Facebook and LinkedIn pages
- Plan SIG activities at the NICHE conference

Small Group Discussion and Feedback

- See the discussion questions at your table
- Discuss each question with your colleagues
- Appoint a recorder and a presenter
- Be prepared to present your key points to the group
- Take 15 minutes to discuss and record your suggestions
Continue the Conversation
Special Interest Group session
Thursday, April 12
12:30 - 1:30 pm
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