Policy: Choosing Wisely

The Academy initiated work with the ABIM Foundation on Choosing Wisely® in 2014 with the publication of "Five Things Nurses and Patients Should Question" because treatments or procedures are unnecessary, have exceptionally high costs, are administered in high volume, are inefficient, or may be harmful. Evidence supports minimizing or eliminating these practices.

The following five new examples—building on the 20 already published—are being finalized:

1. Don’t routinely use graduated compression stockings as mechanical prophylaxis for preventing venous thromboembolism (VTE) after surgery.
2. Don’t routinely repeat hemoglobin and hematocrit in the hemodynamically normal pediatric patients with isolated blunt solid organ injury.
3. Don’t shave hair at the surgical site prior to the procedure, including hair on the patient’s head.
4. Don’t apply continuous cardiac-respiratory or pulse oximetry monitoring to children and adolescents admitted to the hospital unless condition warrants continuous monitoring based on objectively scored cardiovascular, respiratory, and behavior parameters.
5. Don’t use physical or chemical restraints when caring for long-term care residents with dementia who display behavioral and psychological symptoms of distress; instead assess for unmet needs or environmental triggers and intervene using non-pharmacological approaches as the first approach to care whenever possible.

RWJF Leadership Development Opportunity

Applications are now open for four of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s leadership development programs: Clinical Scholars, Culture of Health Leaders, Health Policy Research Scholars and Interdisciplinary Research Leaders. These programs are for leaders who share a commitment to ensuring everyone has the opportunity to live the healthiest life possible. They are designed to help you advance your leadership skills, and connect you with other innovators to advance big ideas and solutions. Participants do not need to relocate and the program is designed for people working or pursuing research full-time. Learn more about the four programs and apply here.

Next Edge Runner Application Deadline is in Two Weeks

The Academy's Edge Runner initiative recognizes and promotes nurse-designed models of care and interventions that demonstrate innovative solutions to health care challenges. The next Edge Runner application deadline is March 1, 2018. Applicants do not need to be fellows. Click here to learn more about the criteria and application process. Please encourage fellows and non-fellows to apply. For specific questions, contact Policy & Grants Manager Kim Czubanek.

Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science

The Council is seeking nominations for the following elected positions: Councilor for Finance and Records (1 position; 3-year term) and Nominations Committee (2 positions; 3-year term). The deadline for nominations is March 20, 2018. Read more concerning eligibility, responsibilities and application here.
The Council is pleased to announce the Duck-Hee Kang Memorial Mentored Workshop. Sponsored by the Early Career Special Interest Group, the workshop will be held September 12, 2018 in Washington, DC prior to the 2018 State of the Science Congress. This workshop provides an opportunity for research grant writing mentoring between senior nurse scientists and competitively selected, doctorally prepared early career nurse scientists. Learn more and apply for the workshop here.

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Fellow Achievements

Nancy Fahrenwald, PhD, RN, APHN-BC, FAAN, was named dean of Texas A&M College of Nursing. She previously was dean of South Dakota State University College of Nursing. Dr. Fahrenwald’s research interests include organ donation and transplants within American Indian populations, as well as tobacco-cessation programs for rural citizens. She was inducted into the Academy in 2014.

Susan Lacey, RN, PhD, FAAN, was selected as the inaugural Kitty DeGree Eminent Scholars Endowed Chair in Nursing at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She was previously a professor at the Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing. Dr. Lacey also was recently invited to be on the Medicaid/NQF and AHRQ measure panels. She was inducted into the Academy in 2009.

Eileen Lake, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been named editor-in-chief of the journal Research in Nursing & Health. Dr. Lake is the Jessie M. Scott Endowed Term Chair in Nursing and Health Policy at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She also serves as the associate director of UPenn’s Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research. Dr. Lake was inducted into the Academy in 2008.

Maria Shirey, PhD, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE, FAAN, has been installed as a director-at-large on the National Association for Healthcare Quality Board of Directors. Dr. Shirey, professor and chair of the Acute, Chronic and Continuing Care Department at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing, began her two-year term on January 2018. She was inducted into the Academy in 2010.

Marisa L. Wilson, DNsC, MHCs, RN-BC, FAAN, has been elected to the Commission on Accreditation for Informatics and Information Management Board of Directors. Dr. Wilson is associate professor and coordinator of the MSN Program's Nursing Informatics Specialty Track at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing. She was inducted into the Academy in 2016.

Rita Wray, RN, BC, MBA, FAAN, founder/CEO of Wray Enterprises, was appointed by Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant to a three-year term on the Public Procurement Review Board (PPRB), which creates standards for procurement by state agencies of commodities and services, and approves related contracts. Ms. Wray, who was inducted into the Academy in 2008, was elected vice chair of the PPRB.

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Joyce A. Verran, CPHQ, CHC, CHFN, is a policy analyst with the Office of Health Care Operations at Johnson & Johnson. She was invited to be on the Medicaid/NQF and AHRQ measure panels. She was inducted into the Academy in 2009.

Katherine Kenny, RN, BSN, CAE, is the director for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. She was inducted into the Academy in 2010.

Dyanne D. Affonso, PhD, RN, FAAN, is the executive director of the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science. She was inducted into the Academy in 2009.

Clara L. Adams-Ender, PhD, RN, FAAN, is a professor and vice chair in the College of Nursing at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She was recently named chief of the journal 

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1. Don't apply continuous cardiac-respiratory or pulse oximetry monitoring to children and adolescents admitted to the hospital unless condition warrants continuous monitoring based on objectively scored cardiovascular, respiratory, and behavior parameters. Further evidence supports minimizing or eliminating these practices.

2. Don't routinely repeat hemoglobin and hematocrit in the first 4 hours of hospitalization for patients with a known or presumed diagnosis of cancer who are undergoing medical or surgical treatment for cancer.

3. Don't use futile interventions that demonstrate innovative solutions to health care challenges. The next Edge Runner Workshop will be held in September 2018. Sponsored by the Early Career Special Interest Group, the workshop will be held in Washington, DC. Applications are now open for four of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Next Edge Runner programs which focus on Health Policy Research Scholars and Interdisciplinary Research Leaders. These programs are for leaders who share a commitment to advancing innovative solutions to health care challenges. They may be harmful. Evidence supports minimizing or eliminating these practices.

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