2019 Georgia CNS Conference

September 7, 2019
8:30am – 4:00pm
Southern Regional Medical Center
Education Building on the ground floor
11 Upper Riverdale Road,
Riverdale, Georgia 30274.

Registration

Registration fee $99

Registration deadline is August 1, 2019

Directions from North of Atlanta: Take I-75 SOUTH to exit 235 onto Tara Boulevard. Turn right on Upper Riverdale Road. Travel 1 mile and the hospital is on the right.

Direction from South of Atlanta: Take I-75 NORTH to exit 235. Use the left two lanes to turn left onto US-19/US-41 S/Old Dixie Road. Use the right two lanes at the first cross street to turn onto Upper Riverdale Road. Travel 1 mile and the hospital is on the right.

The Education building is located between the main entrance of the hospital and the 33 Professional Building.

The Georgia CNS Mission is to promote the unique and varying expertise and value a clinical nurse specialist contributes to the healthcare organization.

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Complete your registration today by visiting the Georgia CNS website at [https://georgiacns.org/](https://georgiacns.org/) or through Eventbrite [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/georgia-cns-conference-tickets-62049062416](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/georgia-cns-conference-tickets-62049062416)

Registration transfers are accepted with written request by September 1, 2019. Sorry, no refunds will be provided.
COURSE DESCRIPTION:
“A Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) is a Master’s prepared Advance Practice Nurse whose function is to improve outcomes in patient care. The CNS is a clinical practice expert, an educator, a researcher, and a consultant who influences the three spheres of practice: patient care, nursing and systems.” – National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists.

The 2019 Georgia CNS Conference is designed to highlight the unique expertise, value, and impact the CNS has within healthcare delivery. It will provide the opportunity to network with other clinical nurse specialists from various healthcare facilities, as well as with vendors and sponsors sharing new and innovative healthcare products and services.

Upon completion of this conference, the participant will be able to:
- Discuss how the CNS impacts healthcare delivery and patient outcomes
- Describe the value in the CNS role
- Identify key factors that affect retention of the CNS role
- Examine the CNS role within the Ambulatory setting

An application for nursing contact hours has been submitted.

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“Clinical Nurse Specialists...Influencing Healthcare Delivery”

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**Conference Speakers**

Mona Brown, MSN, APRN, ACCNS-AG
GACNS President
Clinical Nurse Specialist, Acute Care
WellStar Health System

Anne E. Hysong, MSN, APRN, CCNS, ACNS-BC, FCNS
Clinical Nurse Specialist, Critical Care
Gwinnett Medical Center

Jacquelyn Byrd, DNP, APRN, ACNS-BC, CEN
Nurse Educator
Southern Regional Medical Center

Noreen Peyatt, MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC
Clinical Nurse Specialist
Emory University Healthcare

Renecha Abrams, MSN, APRN, ACCNS-AG, CCRN
Clinical Nurse Specialist, Acute Care
WellStar Health System

Muun Queen Malone, MSN, APRN, ACCNS-AG
Clinical Nurse Specialist, Acute Care
WellStar Health System

Cynthia Oster, PhD, RN, APRN, MBA, ACNS-BC, ANP, FAAN
Adjunct Assistant Professor
Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University

Davida F. Wynn, MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC
Clinical Nurse Specialist
Emory University Hospital Midtown

Cynthia Bond, MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC, CCRN
Clinical Nurse Specialist, Neurosciences and Critical Care
WellStar Health System

Shannah Lowe, MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC
Clinical Nurse Specialist
Emory University Healthcare

Gerald B. Hobbs, DNP, APRN, ACNS-BC
Clinical Nurse Specialist, Ambulatory Services
WellStar Health System

Yolanda Whitty, PharmD, BCPS
Clinical Pharmacist, PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Coordinator
WellStar Cobb Hospital
AFTERNOON PLENARY
SPEAKER:
Dr. Gerald Hobbs

Dr. Gerald Hobbs’ is a CNS employed by the WellStar Health System, Marietta, GA, where he facilitates evidence-based practice to impact safety and optimal health-care outcomes. His primary focus and experience of practice is adult health critical care services. Dr. Hobbs received a doctoral degree of nursing practice in 2015 from Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, as well as his Master of Science degree from Georgia State University in 2006. Dr. Hobbs is an active member of several professional organizations including the National Association for Clinical Nurse Specialist, American Nurses Association, Georgia Nurses Association, and American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

PHARMACOLOGY
SPEAKER:
Yolanda Whitty

Yolanda Whitty, PharmD, BCPS received her Bachelor of Science in Exercise Sports Science from the University of Florida, where she was an All-American in track and field, and her Doctor of Pharmacy from Mercer University. She completed post-graduate training in drug information at Mercer University Drug Information Center and pharmacy practice at Atlanta Medical Center. Since 2015, Dr. Whitty has practiced at WellStar Cobb Hospital (WCH) as a clinical pharmacist and is the WCH post-graduate year one (PGY1) pharmacy residency coordinator. Her areas of expertise include adult internal medicine, anticoagulation, and parenteral nutrition. She is a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist and is also a Georgia Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition board member.

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Membership Fee
Georgia Clinical Nurse Specialist group meets monthly September through May and has bi-weekly board meetings in the summer months to gear up for each upcoming Legislative year.

Annual membership fee due September 1st each year
- Full CNS membership $50 per annual year
- CNS Student membership $25 per annual year

Benefits:
- Educational presentations
- Legislative voice
- State CNS networking