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## CHAIR REPORT



To NRIG members,

Happy new year!

The past year has been full of both challenges old and new, and also inspiring moments of connection and joy.

As we ease into the month of January, and return to our daily routines, I wanted to share with our NRIG community some of the things I am looking forward to in 2023.

NRIG plans on offering monthly webinars featuring nurse researchers and their impactful work. If you are interested in participating, fill out our Google form to tell us about your research:

<https://forms.gle/EPBdRF6UzhzHQmM77>. In addition, NRIG will collaborate with other RNAO interest groups to host shared panels and webinars this year.

We will also be engaging with students in several ways. First, we will work with student groups to promote nursing research and raise awareness about how to get involved in research. Our collaborations will include the Nursing Students of Ontario, and other nursing student councils such as Humber Nursing Society. Next, we have a new student blog series on our website ([www.NRIG.ca](http://www.NRIG.ca)) featuring the experiences of students involved in research.

Keep an eye on our social media channels (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook) – we host contests for giftcards and have exciting opportunities to get involved. We currently have an arts based open call (see page 8). We also have a YouTube channel where you can find our previous webinars.

NRIG will offer our annual scholarships and grants this Spring. The call will open in March so spread the word. Applicants need to be current NRIG members.

In the coming year we will continue to have new and exciting moments to feel proud of, including all our programming, in addition to celebrating the achievements to come from students, nurses, and faculty researchers through our annual awards and scholarships.



Sincerely,  
Charlene Chu, RN, PhD

# NEW EXECUTIVE TEAM MEMBER

NRIG is happy to welcome our new Secretary to the executive team: Elizabeth Straus!

## ELIZABETH STRAUS

SECRETARY

Dr. Elizabeth Straus (she/they) is an autistic and disabled nurse scholar and educator whose research engages critical disability studies, discourse analysis, new materialist, queer, narrative, and arts-based approaches to inform and transform narratives of disability in health care and education. They are currently a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow (2022-2024) with Re•Vision: The Centre for Art and Social Justice at the University of Guelph. To this work, they bring a combined 20 years of experience as a frontline worker in recreation and respite, as an RN in home care and hospital settings, and as an academic and clinical nurse educator teaching across pre-licensure, post-RN, and graduate programs, with an emphasis on online learning, chronic care, community and population health. They completed their PhD in Nursing at the University of British Columbia in June 2022, where their research interrogated normative understandings of what it means to live well with young adults living with home mechanical ventilation. Their postdoctoral project will integrate multimedia storymaking with the aim of informing and transforming dominant narratives at the autism-gender-sexuality nexus. Dr. Straus is excited about the opportunities NRIG offers to engage with others across Ontario with a passion for nursing research.



## HOT OFF THE PRESS!

*Hot off the Press* features recent nurse-related research that open and accessible to the public. If you have an open access publication you'd like share, please send the citation to [nrig.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:nrig.newsletter@gmail.com).

- ***"Real-time location systems technology in the care of older adults with cognitive impairment living in residential care: A scoping review."***

**Authors:** Haslam-Larmer, L., Shum, L., Chu, C. H., McGilton, K., , ... & Iaboni, A. (2022).

**Journal:** Frontiers in Psychiatry

**Link:** <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsy.2022.1038008>

- ***"We've All Lost So Much": The Long-Term Care Home Experiences of Essential Family Caregivers During COVID-19."***

**Authors:** Chu, C. H., Yee, A. V., & Stamatopoulos, V. (2022).

**Journal:** Canadian Journal on Aging/La Revue canadienne du vieillissement

**Link:** <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/canadian-journal-on-aging-la-revue-canadienne-du-vieillissement/article/weve-all-lost-so-much-the-longterm-care-home-experiences-of-essential-family-caregivers-during-covid19/5547E9E0D0B188539B30077CE4C31F73#.Y3uoTUpRsbM.twitter>



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\*Link/citation must be accessible to the public.



# "IN CONVERSATION ABOUT..." WEBINAR SERIES

## **In conversation about... A Constructivist Grounded Theory on Patient Roles on Interpersonal Primary Care Teams**

On October 28, 2022, NRIG was thrilled to have Dr. Kateryna Metersky from Toronto Metropolitan University present an exciting webinar that focuses on patient-centered care. Dr. Metersky presented a framework she created on patient roles on interprofessional teams in primary care, as healthcare providers and patients struggle on how to meaningfully integrate patients into such teams.

The findings close the gap between research and practice by providing an understanding of the evolving concepts associated with patient roles on interprofessional teams as full participants in their care. As well, they identify what is needed by patients and health care providers, including nurses, to transform current practice towards patient inclusion on interprofessional teams in primary care.

Follow NRIG's Instagram (@rnao.nrig), Twitter (@RNAOnrig), and Facebook page (facebook.com/RNAO.NRIG/) to sign up for future webinars!



**DR. METERSKY**



# "IN CONVERSATION ABOUT..." WEBINAR SERIES

## **In conversation about... Experiential Learning of a Respiratory Distress Management in the Immersive Virtual Reality Simulation**

NRIG's second webinar of the Fall season was held on November 25, 2022 with Master of Nursing student Halyna Yurkiv and Dr. Cristina Catallo from Toronto Metropolitan University.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, securing clinical placements for undergraduate nursing students continues to be an issue as clinical sites experience health workforce shortages, leaving fewer Registered Nurses who can safely serve as preceptors for nursing students. Technologies like Immersive Virtual Reality (IVR) for simulations are experiential learning opportunities that can be leveraged to address gaps in learning that may not be addressed by clinical placements.

Yurkiv and Dr. Catallo presented the key lessons learned from a study that used an IVR simulation on managing COVID-19-induced respiratory distress for undergraduate nursing students. The findings from this study demonstrated that the IVR simulation was a user-friendly and feasible educational intervention to foster knowledge, clinical confidence, and learning among nursing students.

You can watch Yurkiv and Dr. Catallo's webinar on NRIG's YouTube channel here:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ESFqU\\_7xs0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ESFqU_7xs0)



**HALYNA YURKIV**



# UPCOMING WEBINARS

## Non-Urgent Emergency Department Use from Patient and Health Care Provider Perspectives

Join NRIG and Dr. Amanda McIntyre speak on emergency (ED) use for non-urgent matters in an exciting upcoming webinar on Friday, January 23, 2023 from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EST.

Patients present at the emergency department with a wide range of complaints that range significantly in acuity and complexity. To date, there has been a lack of research exploring factors influential in patients' decision-making processes with respect to attending the emergency department for non-urgent matters. This webinar will describe Dr. McIntyre's doctoral dissertation studies which explored this issue from both the patient and health care provider perspectives using multiple methods. First, an integrative review was conducted which explored adult patient-reported reasons for using the ED non-urgently. Second, using qualitative methods, health care professionals were recruited from two EDs in Southwestern Ontario to explore perceptions on (a) the role of the ED within the larger healthcare system; (b) how non-urgent visits in the ED are contextualized; and (c) reasons for non-urgent use of the ED by patients. Third, a cluster analysis was performed which identified and characterized unique subgroups of ED patients based on their levels of stress and coping ability; groups were compared with respect to sociodemographic variables, clinical health information, and health literacy.

**Register for the webinar here:**

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/non-urgent-ed-use-from-patient-and-hcp-perspective-tickets-506820011297>



**DR. MCINTYRE**

# THE ART OF NURSING RESEARCH IN ART

NRIG is committed to advancing nursing research in practice, education, and policy. To promote nurses' and the general public's understanding of nursing research and its value to health care, we are curating an online gallery of creative and artistic expressions of nurse researchers' and students' experiences in and perspectives of nursing research as part of nursing praxis.

We seek submissions that address the overall aim and/or any of the following guiding questions:

- 1)What does nursing research mean to you?
- 2)What distinguishes nursing research in the health care field?
- 3)What led you to nursing research?
- 4)How has nursing research become a part of your praxis?
- 5)From your perspective as a nurse researcher or student who has been involved in nursing research, what does nursing research (in general or your own specifically) contribute to health care?
- 6)What advice do you have to nurses entering nursing research?

We welcome submissions across any artistic genre, including but not limited to:

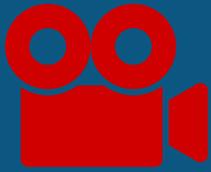
- Art (painting, drawing, collage, crochet, etc.)
- Written word (e.g. poetry, found poetry, word clouds, etc.)
- Multimedia stories (e.g. short film, video, short podcast, etc.)

To submit, please complete the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/Y96NTuVSfHH8gwVQ7>

Submission Deadline: February 28, 2023

Any questions can be directed to Elizabeth Straus, NRIG Secretary ([nrig.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:nrig.secretary@gmail.com)).





## NRIG YOUTUBE CHANNEL



NRIG has a new YouTube channel! Subscribe and follow our YouTube page for all the latest webinars, AGM recordings, and NRIG content.

YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@rnaosnursingresearchintere9479>



**We would love to hear from you!**



**NRIG is here to support your research needs! Reach out and let us know how we can support you in either learning more about research or helping you share your findings with our community. If there is content you want us to start developing, please let us know. Email us: [nrig.chair@gmail.com](mailto:nrig.chair@gmail.com)**

**Interested in presenting/sharing your work to the members of NRIG? Please fill out your information in the link below and an NRIG representative will confirm the details with you via email.**

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# MEMBERSHIP OFFICER UPDATE

## Did you know?

Being an NRIG member offers the following benefits:

- 1.Awards and Scholarships: \$6,500 available annually for undergraduate students, graduate students, and point-of-care nurses
- 2.Research Grants: \$6,000 in research funding available annually for PhD students and novice researchers
- 3.Knowledge translation: Members are invited to disseminate their research findings
- 4.Access to webinars and events focused on current trends related to nursing research
- 5.Networking with others who are passionate about promoting nursing research in Ontario

**KYLIE TEGGART**



# SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICER UPDATE

Congratulations to NRIG's first Instagram giveaway winner, Jennifer Oquindo!



**NICOLE SERRE**

Jennifer Oquindo is a Year 3 student in the Collaborative BScN Program with Centennial College and Toronto Metropolitan University. Her interest in nursing research for the future is to determine factors that increase quality of life for pediatric/adolescent patients who are newly diagnosed with diabetes.

Follow NRIG's Instagram for future giveaways and to stay up-to-date on NRIG events!  
(@mao.nrig)

**JENNIFER OQUINDO**



## NRIG STUDENT CORNER

NRIG's student representatives have been busy creating a video detailing their experience with research as undergraduate nursing students and discussed the benefits of joining NRIG. Check the video out on NRIG's YouTube channel here:

Caitlin Cosgrove, one of NRIG's student representatives from Toronto Metropolitan University, has created an exciting blog where she describes her travel experience to Spain to collaborate with an international team on a Virtual Gaming Simulation (VGS) project. Read more about her unique experience in nursing education here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/15TjFA7FoqjOnMpFE3NNZSBx\\_w-RBky5W/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/15TjFA7FoqjOnMpFE3NNZSBx_w-RBky5W/edit)



**KIERAN BLAKE**



**CLAIRE STATHER**



**CAITLIN COSGROVE**



**CONNOR KUCHARIC**



# UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES



The Canadian Initiative for Outcomes in Rheumatology cAre (CIORA - sponsored by the Canadian Rheumatology Association) grant competition opens January 23, 2023. Letter of intent deadline is February 20, 2023; full application due March 31, 2023.



The R. Howard Webster Foundation (Canada) offers funding in the broad areas of Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Medical, and Social Services. There are no specific deadlines, and once submitted, review and decision process may take up to 6 months.



STTI Emergency Nurses Association Foundation grant deadline is March 28, 2023. Upcoming grants with an April 1, 2023, deadline include the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation End-of-Life Nursing Care Research Grant.

## Max Bell Foundation

Max Bell Foundation has an ongoing review of grant applications in health and wellness. An LOI is required, and full application is by invitation.



The Mayday Fund offers grants for research into pain. There is no deadline; grants are reviewed at the next Trustee's meeting.



The Rising Tide Foundation funds clinical cancer research. The Foundation accepts letters of intent on a rolling deadline. Successful applicants are invited to submit a full application.



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