

Conference Report Brief Summary

I attended the Western Institute of Nursing (WIN) Celebrates its 50th Anniversary and the 40th Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference held at the Marriott Portland Downtown-Waterfront. I had a rewarding experience in presenting a poster presentation, Perceived Susceptibility: A Concept Exploration, on April 13, 2007 for the Research and Information Exchange session. I had also had a wonderful opportunity to volunteer as a room monitor and a participant in the RIFF RAFF skit. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Graduate Nursing Senate for providing funding support for a portion of my WIN conference registration fee.

My area of dissertation interest is focused on the problem statement, Vietnamese Asian American women have low Pap test screening rates and are at risk for cervical cancer. I had a particular interest in the symposiums that addressed recruitment strategies of minorities into studies and culture and women's health. In the symposium, Participation of Minorities in Research to Address Health Disparities, Dr. Jillian Inouye (presenter) reported that there were concerns pertaining to studies that did not include a sufficient sample of Asian and Pacific Islanders into clinical trials. She reported that recruitment strategies that have been undertaken included telephone calls, follow-up, and providing incentives. Trust and cultural sensitivity are important issues to take into consideration when recruiting minorities in research. In the symposium, Research in Culture and Women's Health, Dr. Wei-Chen Tung (presenter) conducted a study that applied the Transtheoretical Model to Pap screening in Vietnamese women. Her study finding concluded that there was a significant association with early stage of readiness to change with that of Pap screening. There were many other presentations within the above symposiums and other symposiums that I have attended in which I have learned a great deal outside of my dissertation area of interest. The scholarly exchange of information at the WIN conference was valuable and the learning atmosphere was inviting.