

editorial

DNA FOCUS enters 10th year of publication

As we enter our 10th year as an organization, the **DNA FOCUS** takes on a new look. The new colors and typography are designed for easier reading. Although the design is changed, the purpose of our newsletter remains the same.

Our newsletter communicates information about the **Dermatology Nurses' Association**, its members and our organization's goals so that we can better meet them.

Our newsletter shows us what other dermatology nurses are doing across the country and around the world. It is a historical record of our activities and it promotes unity among dermatology nurses.

Our newsletter creates a positive image of dermatology nurses and recognizes our individual contributions. It shows that we are leaders in the nursing profession and in our communities. **DNA FOCUS** explains how we can all work together to improve care for our patients and to promote the prevention of skin problems.

Finally, **DNA FOCUS** gratefully acknowledges **Westwood-Squibb Pharmaceuticals** for their continued sponsorship of the newsletter.

Pat Heringa MS, RNC
Editor

DNA Speaker's Bureau seeks new names

The Speaker's Bureau consists of 25 DNA members and 22 faculty. The DNA keeps a list of members available to speak on dermatology nursing and related topics as the DNA receives requests for speakers. Please contact me at 203-765-5346 to be listed.

Karen Reynolds BS, RN
Chairperson, Speaker's Bureau

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open letters

Camouflage therapy improves patients' lives

I had the opportunity to attend the **Advanced Skincare Training Center in San Francisco**, California in June. I became interested in camouflage therapy for my patients after reading Victoria L. Rayner's article "Assessing Camouflage Therapy for the Disfigured Patient: A Personal Perspective" in the April 1990 issue of **Dermatology Nursing**.

Ms. Rayner offered a 4-day course that was very intense, but intellectually stimulating, challenging and rewarding. She has altered my perspective in treating acute, nonsurgical and traumatic patients. Due to her intense energy, motivation, guidance and dedication to the disfigured, my patients will have a chance for richer lives because they will have other options. Doors that once were closed will now be open to them.

I encourage all dermatology nurses to explore camouflage therapy.

Bonita Weyrauch RN
Dermatologic SurgiCenter, Philadelphia

Nigerian nurse needs dermatology nursing literature

I recently received a letter from a nursing student in Nigeria requesting assistance in obtaining dermatology nursing literature (nursing textbooks, reprints of journal articles, etc.). He is financially unable to purchase any textbooks or materials and has appealed for assistance. If you have any materials you would like to donate, please forward them to: Mr. Onoko Friday, No. 12 Idahosa Avenue, Off Owina Avenue, **Uzebu Quarters**, B/C, Bendel State, Nigeria.

Jeannette E. Anders RN
DNA Past President

Stockinette shields sun-sensitive skin during phototherapy

Recently, at a regional conference, I was approached by a nurse as to the methods used to shield sensitive areas during phototherapy. At Geisinger Medical Center we use a tubular stockinette. The stockinette gives the patient adequate protection with the ability to breathe freely. The stockinette comes in 6, 4, 3 and 2 inch widths and it stretches to fit. The 2 inch tubular gauze covers and protects the genitalia and the 4 to 6 inch gauze expands to fit the scalp and face. These stockinettes are used in conjunction with sunscreens'.

The tubular stockinette can be washed and is reusable. Patients are asked to bring it with them at each visit. It can be obtained from General Medical, Richmond, Virginia 23226.

This method works for us, is not too cumbersome and is accepted by the patients.

Sophia Winger
Geisinger Medical Center

Clearing the Record

In the December, 1990 issue of **Dermatology Nursing** the availability of 1% hydrocortisone was incorrectly stated in "Dermatology Nursing News." The sentence should have read: The Food and Drug Administration has not approved 1% hydrocortisone for over-the-counter use.

DNA leaders needed for 1992

If you would like to run for a DNA office or if you know someone interested contact your regional nominating committee representatives (p 4) or call Carol Meyer RN at (w) 919-684-6844; (h) 919-483-8009.