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UConn Designated a Center of Excellence in Pain Education

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STORRS, CT –The National Institutes of Health Pain Consortium selected UConn and 10 other health professional schools as designated **Centers of Excellence in Pain Education (CoEPEs)**. The funded CoEPEs will act as hubs for the development, evaluation, and distribution of pain management curriculum resources for medical, dental, nursing, pharmacy and other schools to enhance and improve how health care professionals are taught about pain and its treatment. The COePE award will be led by Principal Investigator Dr. Renee Manworren, PhD, APRN, BC, PCNS-BC, FAAN, who is a nationally recognized clinician and researcher in pediatric pain management.

“I am so excited about our award as a **Center of Excellence in Pain Education (CoEPE)**,” said UConn School of Nursing Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship, Dr. Jacqueline McGrath, PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN. “This work is very synergistic with all the exciting research happening within our Center for Advancement in Managing Pain (CAMP). The work within this award will also complement the post-baccalaureate Certificate in Pain Management that we are launching with UConn eCampus in fall 2016.”

The selected awardees include: University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of California at San Francisco, Harvard University, **University of Connecticut**, University of Iowa, Johns Hopkins University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, University of Rochester, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and the University of Washington.

UConn School of Nursing’s Center for Advancement in Managing Pain (CAMP), directed by **Dr. Angela Starkweather, PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, CNRN, FAAN**, brings together an interdisciplinary team of experts to foster collaborative research, develop and disseminate educational programs, and promote advocacy in pain prevention and management. “Dr. Manworren played an instrumental role in this application and her leadership and breadth of knowledge in pain management will enhance this project,” stated

Starkweather. “The CAMP infrastructure will support this exciting endeavor by ensuring representation of an interdisciplinary pain management perspective in each module.”

CAMP team members include: **Kyle Baumbauer, PhD; Xiaomei Cong, PhD, RN; Craig Denegar, PhD, P.T.; Mark Litt, PhD; Renee Manworren, PhD, APRN, BC, PCNS-BC, FAAN; Deborah Dillon McDonald, PhD, RN; Trinh Pham, Pharm.D., Board Certification in Oncology; Howard Tennen, PhD; Erin Young, PhD; William T. Zempsky, MD, MPH; Debra Kendall, PhD; Bin Feng, PhD; Jessica Guite, PhD; and Divya Ramesh, PhD.**

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