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Daily News: Ob/Neonatal Research Proposals Due Nov. 1

Two weeks remain until the deadline set by the Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses for research proposals under three grants, including one for novice researchers.

Studies that are clinically relevant and outcome-based get priority, but projects that focus on the nurse's role in delivering cost-effective care in these subspecialties also will be considered, AWHONN says in announcing the Nov. 1 deadline.

The \$5,000 AWHONN Novice Researcher Award is to launch new researchers' study of clinical issues or a pilot study. In 2008, Stephanie Meyers, RN, MSN, a teaching associate and doctoral candidate at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, began exploring the development of the relationship between a woman and her unborn child in the context of pregnancy-associated hospitalization.

The \$10,000 Hill-Rom, Celeste Phillips Family-Centered Maternity Care Award honors Celeste R. Phillips, RN, EdD, an internationally recognized leader and expert in that field. In 2008, Jaynelle F. Stichler, RN, DNSc, FACHE, an associate professor of nursing at **San Diego State University**, was chosen to study nurse manager stress levels and moderators of stress that affect nurses' work environments.

Two nurses received the March of Dimes "Saving Babies, Together " Award in 2008: Mary Regan, RN, PhD, an associate professor at Minnesota State University, to develop an instrument to measure labor and delivery nurses' conceptions of risk about childbirth, and Denise Côté-Arsenault, RNC, PhD, IBCLC, FNAP, an associate professor at the University of Rochester, to test an intervention intended to decrease pregnancy anxiety and physical stress, and increase prenatal attachment.

Guidelines are available under the Journals, Publications & Research link at www.awhonn.org. Proposals go to: AWHONN Research Grants, 2000 L St. NW, Ste. 740, Washington, DC 20036.