Information exchange
Helping you to help each other

- I hope to establish an interest group in the field of paediatric craniofacial and plastic surgery.
  The group would aim to create an expert nursing knowledge base, and to promote nursing research, case studies, teaching etc in this specialty.
  Please contact me if you are interested.
  Georgie Scott
  Cleft nurse
  Plastic surgery
  9th floor NGH
  Guy's Hospital
  St Thomas Street
  London SE1 9RT

- I am keen to write a patient education leaflet for post-operative knee replacement patients. Does anyone have any examples they could supply me with?
  Janet Jones
  Mid and West Wales College of Nursing
  The Flat
  University College of Swansea, Swansea

- I am examining the possibility of devising a nursing model appropriate to the needs of patients with rheumatoid disease. If anyone is using such a model, or uses a suitable care plan, I would like to hear from them.
  Ann Pendlebury
  Ward sister
  Wrightington Hospital for Joint Disease
  Hall Lane
  Appley Bridge
  Wigan, Lancs WN6 9EP

- INFORM, the RCN Forum of independent nurse managers, is seeking new members.
  The Forum is open to independent nurses in business, and nurses involved in the management of registered nursing homes, independent hospitals, and private clinics. For more information, contact:
  Shirley Hammil
  Royal College of Nursing
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- As part of my EN conversion course, I am trying to devise a form of integrated or joint assessment which both district nurses and social services staff could use in client/patient assessment.
  I would be grateful to readers for information regarding any such schemes in current use.
  Kath Line
  12 Sherwell Rise
  Allerton
  Bradford
  Yorkshire BD15 7AL

- We are endeavouring to set up a nurse-run glaucoma clinic, and I am researching its feasibility.
  I would appreciate any information from departments which have such a clinic on stream, particularly concerning the financial viability, prescription protocol, nurse training requirements, criteria for referral back to medical staff, and initial client reaction to the project.
  A Port EN
  Ophthalmic Department
  Royal Victoria Hospital
  Radnor Park Avenue
  Folkestone,
  Kent CT19 5BN

- We are currently trying to use ginger for cancer patients who have nausea and vomiting. Does anyone have any research on this subject?
  Staff nurse Alison Lisk
  Ward 8, Singleton Hospital
  Swansea, W. Glamorgan

Information exchange exists as part of our commitment to networking and nursing empowerment. If you need to know something the answer should be out there somewhere. Address your queries to Information exchange. Readers, do help enquirers if you can.

And let us know if your request leads you to information that would be useful to the wider world of nursing.