Over the years, the Symposium has featured an HONOR the NURSE presentation with various themes. This year, there was opportunity to simply answer the question…. If you could investigate anything in nursing, what would it be? Below are the responses received….

- Of the patients cared for in an acute care hospital setting, is there better care provided and better patient outcomes, of those patients that have been taken care of by new graduate nurses enrolled in a new graduate preceptor program compared to those new graduate who have not.
- Adequate staffing numbers
- Alternate therapies for sleep apnea
- Alzheimer’s disease behaviors
- Best Practice to onboard/orient new grad/novice nurses
- Can "caring" be taught?
- Defining characteristics of nurses and their chosen career paths. What are the most common themes/traits of nurses in various roles? i.e. critical care nurse vs. pediatric nurse vs. nurse educators vs. nurse practitioners.
- Effectiveness of Simulation in Nursing Education and CCNE's Reluctance to Acknowledge Simulation Towards Clinical Hours in Accreditation
- Effectiveness of Track & Trigger Systems for Early Intervention
- Efficacy of fluoride varnish in preventing cavities in children.
- How much independent nurse decision making is there related to nurse sensitive quality indicators e.g. skin breakdown, UTIs, pain management, falls
- Improved clinical instruction for nurses
- Mental Health Integration
- Nurses as educators in the community: Primary prevention in areas of crisis and extreme poverty. Global perspective.
- Nurses self-care and welcoming policies for new nurses
- Nursing Hand off of Care; is the receiving nurse adequately informed. Is the current practice compliant with hospital policy? If not, why not?
- How to allow adaptation pertinent to patient experience. How to update Hof C Policy and reign in compliance; does Code of Conduct (Peer Pressure) instead or adding recorded confirmations improve communication on this issue.
- Focus on peri/post procedure for this investigation
- Overweight prevention
- Preceptorship / Mentoring programs
- The collaborative approach to health care and why nursing and physicians are bad at collaboration. Research has demonstrated time after time the benefits of team work for patient satisfaction, improved health outcomes and cost effectiveness (essentially the triple aim) yet in healthcare we have not mastered how to make this happen. Is it because of a lingering hierarchical culture, financial reimbursement concerns, or just plain stubbornness among both professions?
- The generational gap of the nursing workforce using different types of technology and the impact on patient care and outcomes.
- The impact of mindfulness in nursing on patient experience.
- What are the drivers that motivate people to enter the profession of nursing, differentiating between the levels and types of nursing education.
- What is nursing best practice to helping heart failure patients maintain well enough to remain out of the hospital.
- Why young nurses leave the profession after a short period of time.
- Best Nurse/Patient rations
- If we could integrate early palliative care (at least one yr or more than expected) with patients living with HEARTFAILURE, could we improve their overall experience with the end of their life specifically care concordant with their goals, location of their death, and family support and satisfaction with care.
- Ethical Decision Making
- Geriatrics
- Healthcare access in health disparities
- HIV prevention
- Holistic nursing techniques