

Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative John A. Hartford Foundation

Independent Evaluation
by The Measurement Group



Data Briefing 15
Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing
Nurses Improving Care for Health Systems Elders
[NICHE] Program

Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing

- Housed within the College of Nursing [formerly the School of Education] within the College of Dentistry at New York University
- First major Center to enhance geriatric nursing funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation in 1996
- Major programs related to enhancing the field of geriatric nursing through
 - Research
 - Policy research and development
 - Curriculum enhancement and development
 - Professional development of leaders
 - Organizational infrastructure within hospitals
 - Information dissemination
 - Recognition of outstanding leaders and programs
- National focus

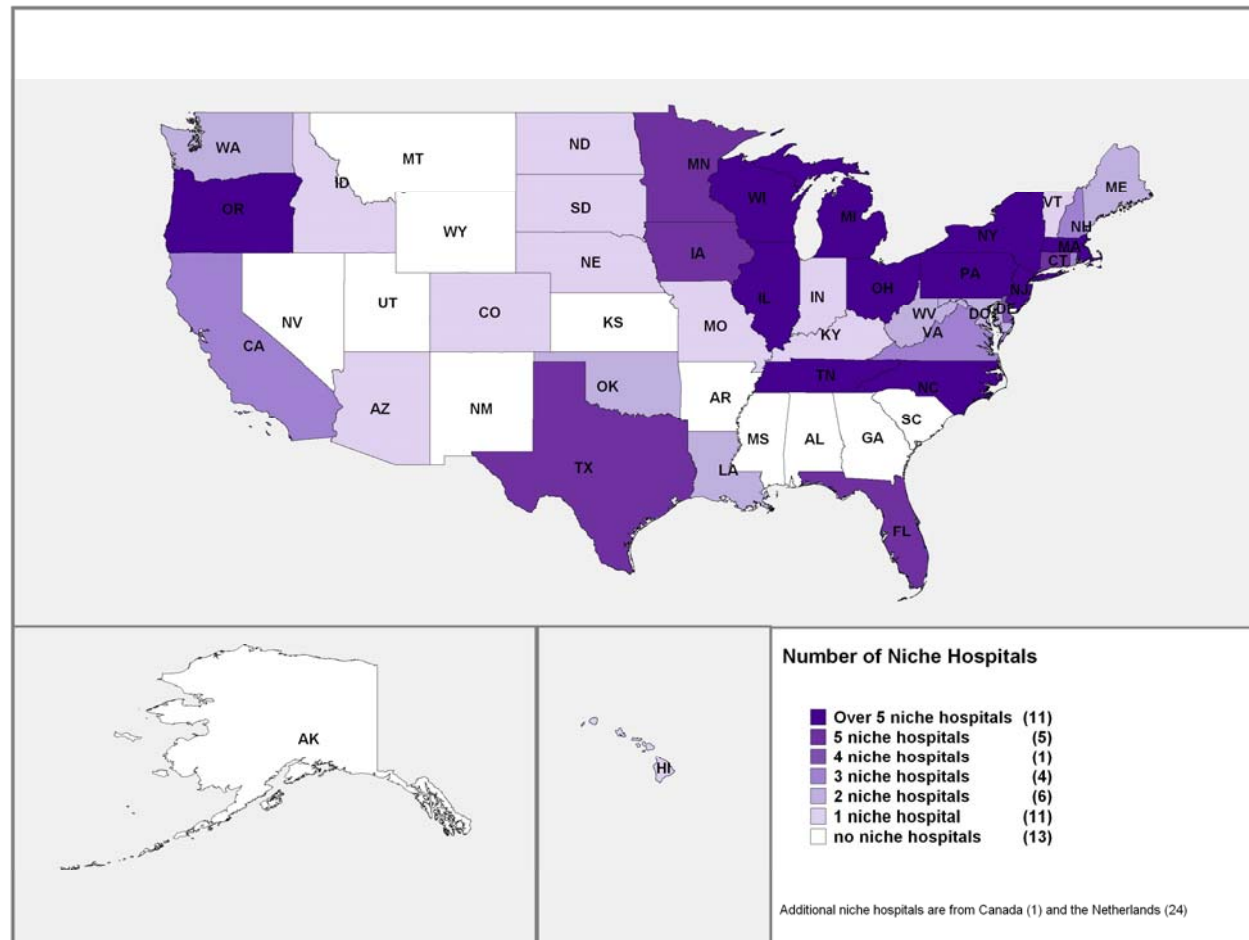
Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing: Nurses Improving Care for Health Systems Elders [NICHE]

- Program goals are
 - To achieve an efficient and systematic nursing change to benefit hospitalized older patients
 - To ensure all patients age 65 and older can be given insightful and exemplary care.
- Provides participating institutions with “NICHE Tool Kit” materials and services to facilitate change in the institutional culture towards patient-centered care for older adults

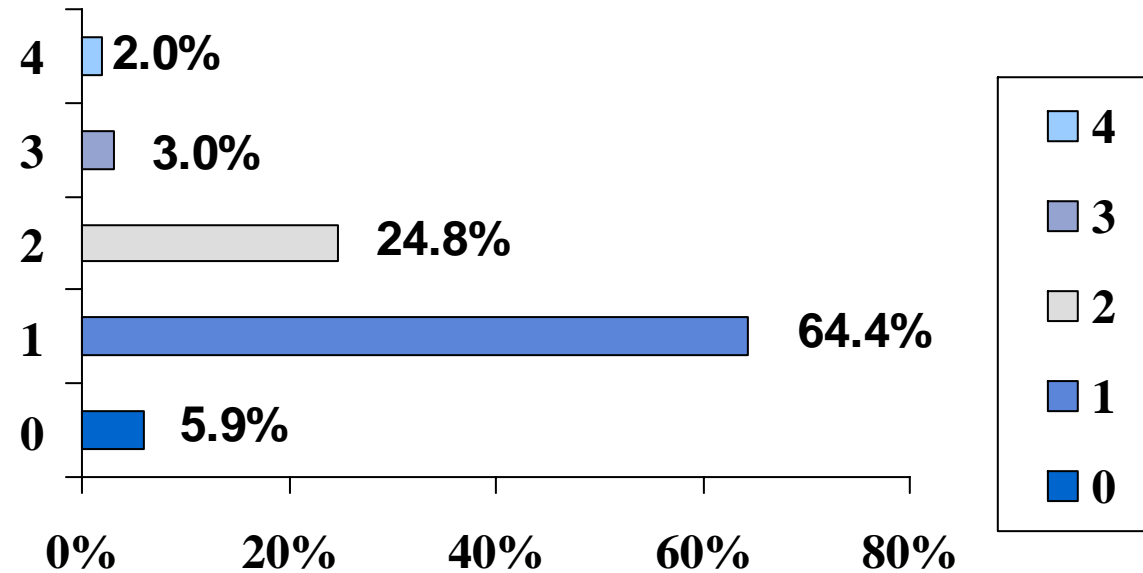
Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing: Representative NICHE Results

- There are 197 active and 40 inactive hospitals
- NICHE hospital sites span 38 states, Canada and the Netherlands
- NICHE hospitals are from different settings and serve different purposes in the community. Of the active NICHE hospitals...
 - 44 are Community Medical Centers
 - 27 are Regional Medical Centers
 - 15 are Academic Health Centers
 - 3 are Nursing and Rehab Long Term Care Centers

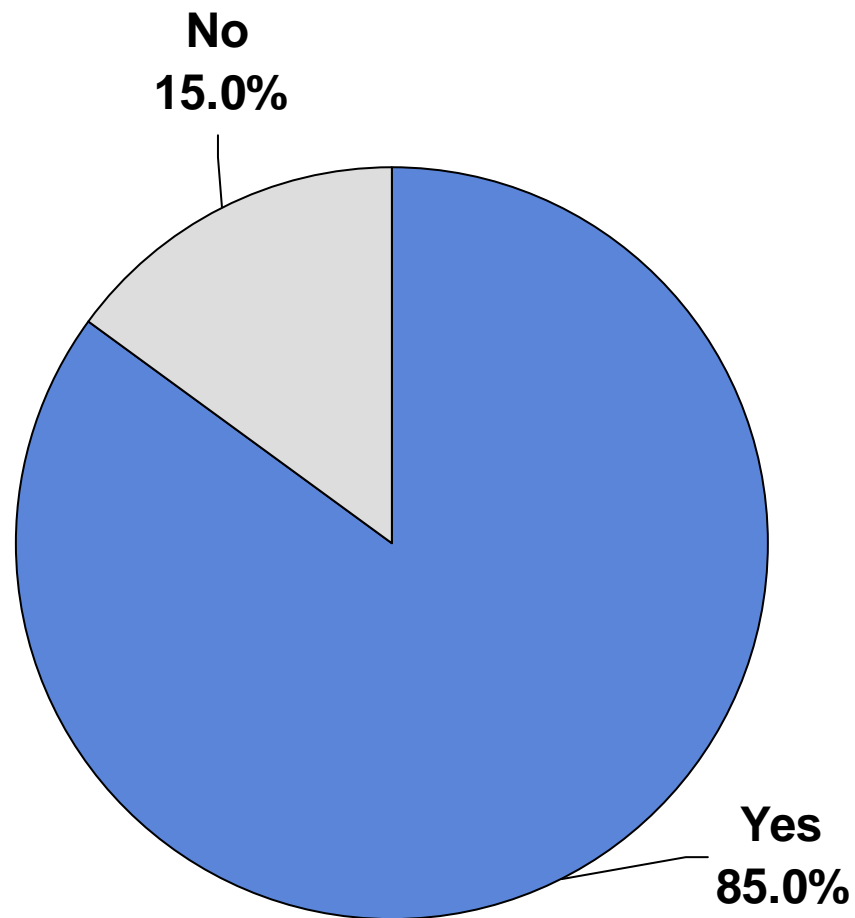
Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing: Map of Active NICHE Hospital Locations



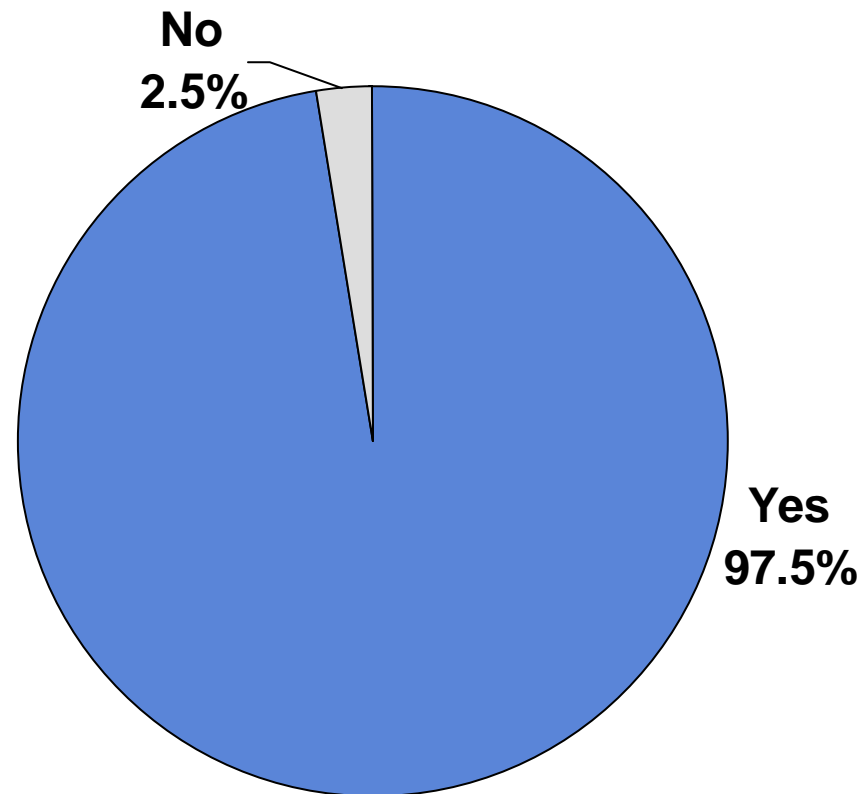
Number of NICHE Conferences Attended



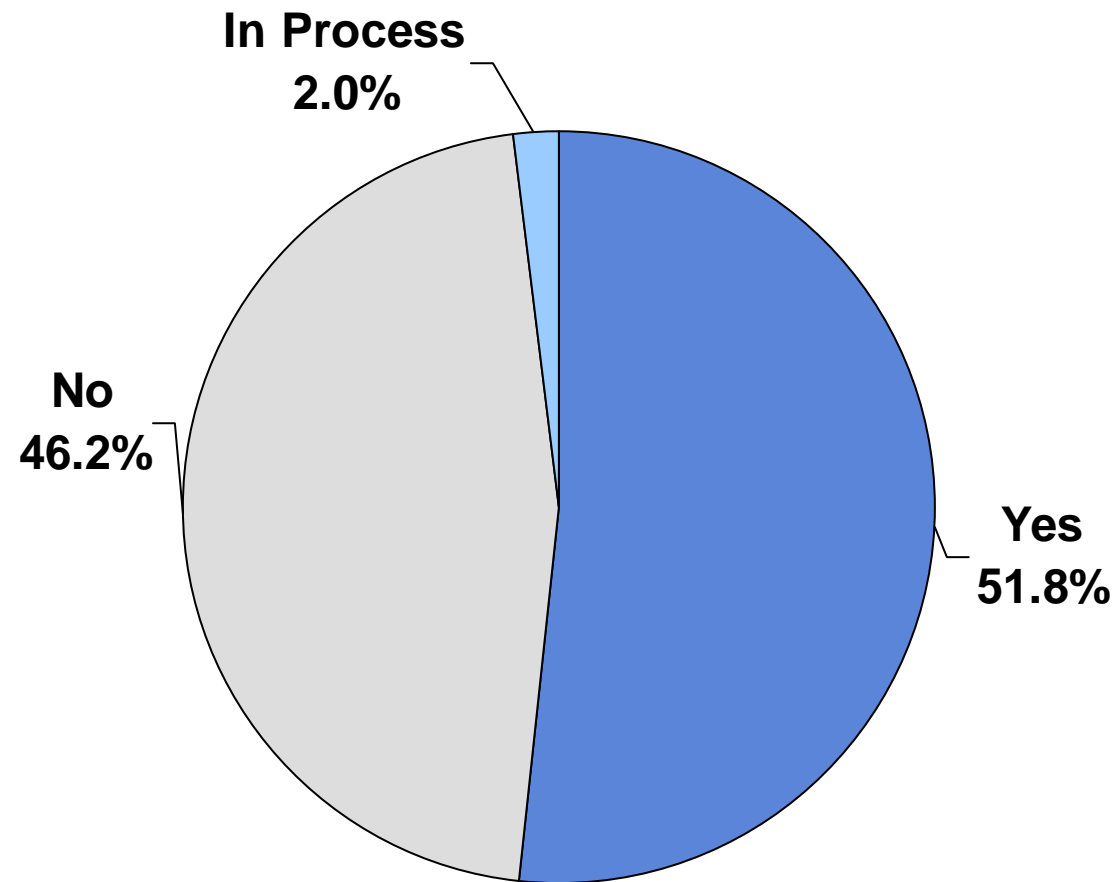
Is the NICHE hospital a magnet hospital?



Does the NICHE hospital participate in Staff Development Partners for Dissemination of Best Nursing Practices in Care for Older Adults?



Has the NICHE hospital completed the Geriatric Institutional Assessment Profile?



Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing: NICHE Leadership Conference Results

- The conference provides the leadership training and fosters the commitment needed to implement the NICHE program as well as program resource materials.

Year	Attendance
1998	60 nurses and hospital administrators from 12 facilities
1999	60 professionals representing 14 facilities
2000	Over 100 professionals representing 19 facilities from 12 states
2001	Over 100 professionals representing 20 facilities from 13 states
2002	83 professionals representing 21 facilities
2003	120 professionals representing 30 facilities
2004	178 professionals representing 30 facilities
2005	Over 200 people in over 30 hospital sites nationally
2006	Over 180 people

Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing: AONE/NICHE Award

- An award for hospital excellence in high quality care for care of older adults
- This award serves as a model to boost recognition and commitment to geriatric care
- Started in 2004
 - 2004 Winner: **Bronson Methodist Hospital**
- In 2005, the award's name was changed to The John A. Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing Award
 - 2005 Winner: **Christiana Care Health System**
- In 2006 the award was re-designed to recognize a research initiative

Independent Evaluator's Conclusion

- The Nurses Improving Care for Health Systems Elders [NICHE] Program is an important national program that impacts hospitals and health care settings nationally
- Members are given the opportunity to participate in conferences where significant breakthroughs in nursing care are presented
- Members are given the opportunity to participate in an organizational assessment related to the quality of their geriatric nursing programs
- There are active communications networks to link the hospital members together to solve common problems
- This is an important national program that serves as a model for how to improve the overall quality of nursing care at some of the largest and highest-quality facilities in the U.S.

Appendix

Background and Technical Information

Independent Evaluation of the Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative by The Measurement Group

- The Measurement Group is a program evaluation and applied research consulting firm with offices located in Los Angeles, California, and Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and a national practice
- The Measurement Group specializes in the evaluation of health and social services programs, especially those programs targeted toward vulnerable members of society and supported through public funds and charitable contributions
 - Areas of interest include medical and social services for the elderly, mental health services, substance abuse programs, prevention, HIV/AIDS services, eliminating disparities in access to services, and training for healthcare and social service professionals
- The Measurement Group has been retained by the John A. Hartford Foundation to evaluate the component programs of the Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative between January 2001 and December 2007
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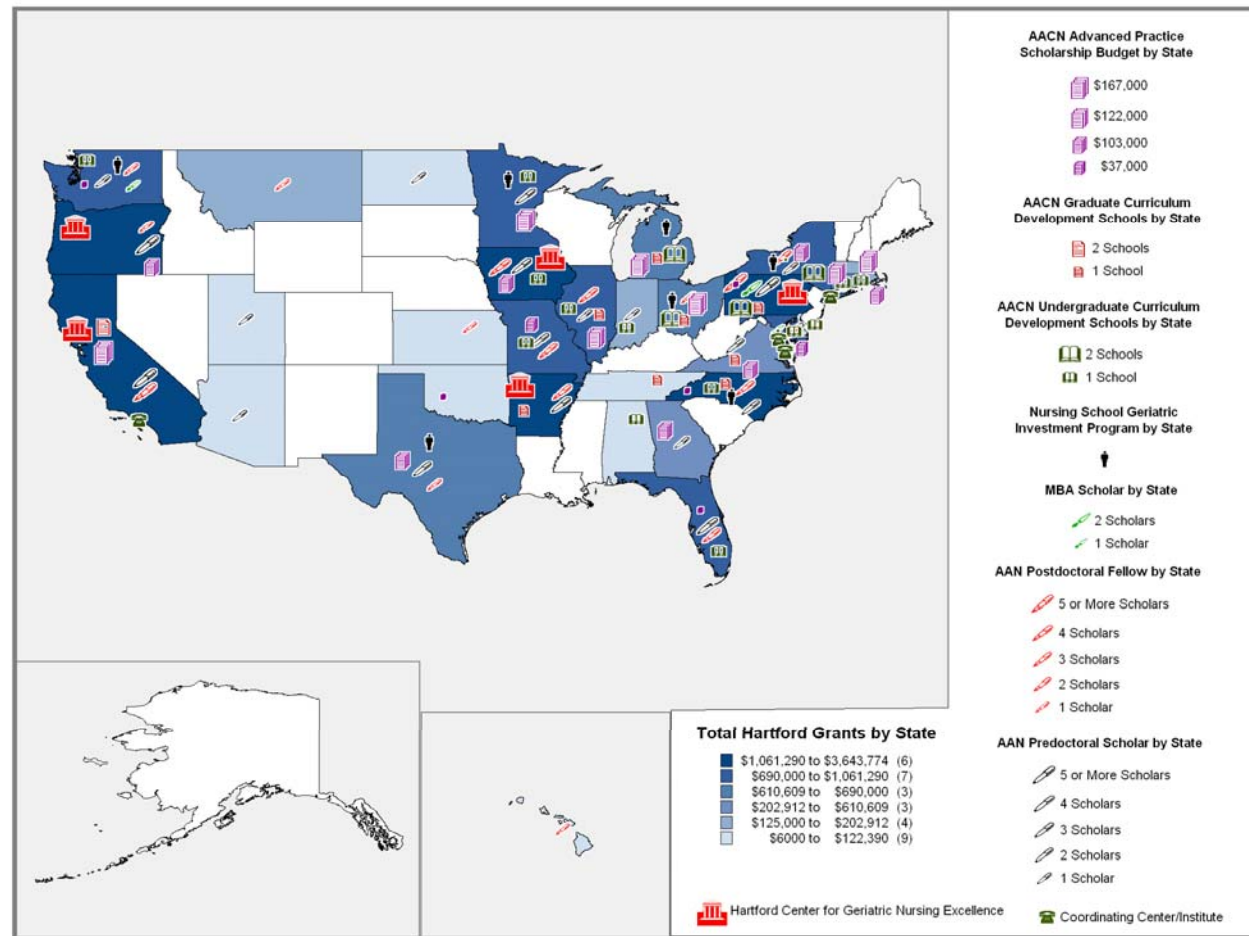
Scope of the Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative

- 1 Initiative [Geriatric Nursing Initiative]
- 31 States
- 66 Schools of Nursing/Universities
- 3 Coordinating/Dissemination/Policy Centers
 - American Academy of Nursing [AAN]
 - American Association of Colleges of Nursing [AACN]
 - Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing [HIGN]

Major Projects of the Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative

- AAN-Administered Hartford BAGNC Scholars and Fellows
 - Pre-Doctoral, Post-Doctoral, MBA
- Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence [HCGNE]
 - Oregon Health & Sciences University, University of Arkansas for Medical Science, University of California San Francisco, University of Iowa, and University of Pennsylvania
- Nursing School Geriatric Investment Program [NSGIP]
 - Case Western University, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, University of Texas, University of Rochester, and University of Washington
- AACN-Administered Enhancing Gerontological/Geriatric Nursing Education for Baccalaureate and Graduate Programs
 - 20 Schools of Nursing received funding through AACN for undergraduate programs
 - 10 Schools of Nursing received funding through AACN for graduate programs
- AACN-Administered Creating Careers in Geriatric Advanced Practice Nursing
 - 23 Schools of Nursing received funding through AACN in the first cohort
 - 18 Schools of Nursing receive funding through AACN in the second cohort
- Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing
 - Multi-faceted education, policy, and research center
 - HIGN/NYU Scholars
- Leadership Conference
- Coordinating Center at the American Academy of Nursing

Resources Allocated by State to the Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative



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