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**Name of Event:** Primary Health Care Nursing Skills-Building Workshop

**Location:** Yerevan, Armenia

**Dates:** March 6-9, 2001

**Purpose:**

This was the first in a series of skills-building workshops that will be held in the various NIS regions to develop nursing skills within AIHA's partnerships. A steering committee consisting of a US and NIS nurse from partnerships in each of the AIHA regions worked together to determine the curriculum, which consisted of physical assessment, patient education, communication, health promotion, and basic technology skills. The workshop was designed to provide training to the nurses, and also provide an opportunity for nurses from throughout Armenia who work with AIHA projects to get together and share experiences.

**Participants and Faculty:**

Four nurses from each AIHA partnership in Armenia participated in the event. Some senior level nurses from the AIHA's graduated partnerships and the Ministry of Health were also invited. Six US and one Armenian faculty, all AIHA partners, taught the sessions. The faculty were:

Darlene Weis, Milwaukee-Mktsgheta Partnership  
Sharon Roth-Maguire, Milwaukee-Mktsgheta Partnership  
Ruzanna Davtyan, Galveston-Armavir Partnership  
Barbara Fisher, Boulder-Dushanbe Partnership  
Laure Lisk, Boulder-Dushanbe Partnership  
Jackie Paulson, Corvallis-Uzhgorod Partnership  
Christine Langenberg, Corvallis-Uzhgorod Partnership

**Description of Event:**

The first two days of the workshop consisted of training on physical assessment. Each participant nurse was given a physical assessment kit by AIHA consisting of: stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, ear scope, pen light, tuning fork.

The second two days consisted of sessions on communication skills, patient education, health promotion, and technology skills.

**Collaborating Organizations:**

Armenian Ministry of Health and National Institute of Health

**Outcomes:**

The main outcome of the conference was the skills gained by the nurses, that they can take back to their partnership sites.

In addition, the workshop provided networking opportunities, especially for the nurses from rural regions to interact with each other and with the nurses from Yerevan.

Certificates of participation were awarded to all nurses who attended the workshop, and each nurse received an assessment kit.

## Appendix 1:

### Armenia Skills-Building Workshop Schedule

	Tuesday, March 6	Wednesday, March 7	Thursday, March 8	Friday, March 9
8- 10:00	<b>Physical Assessment</b>  <i>Darlene and Sharon</i>	<b>Physical Assessment</b>  <i>Darlene and Sharon</i>	<b>Communication</b>  <i>Laure and Ruzanna</i>	<b>Technology Skills</b>
10- 10:30	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:30- 1	<b>Physical Assessment</b>  <i>Darlene and Sharon</i>	<b>Physical Assessment</b>  <i>Darlene and Sharon</i>	<b>Communication</b>  <i>Laure and Ruzanna</i>	<b>Health Promotion</b>  <i>Jackie and Chris</i>
1-2	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2-3:30	<b>Physical Assessment</b>  <i>Darlene and Sharon</i>	<b>Physical Assessment</b>  <i>Darlene and Sharon</i>	<b>Patient Education</b>  <i>Barbara and Laure</i>	<b>Health Promotion</b>  <i>Jackie and Chris</i>
3:30-4	Break	Break	Break	Break
4-5:30	<b>Physical Assessment</b>  <i>Darlene and Sharon</i>	<b>Physical Assessment</b>  <i>Darlene and Sharon</i>	<b>Patient Education</b>  <i>Barbara and Laure</i>	<b>Health Promotion</b>  <i>Jackie and Chris</i>

## **Appendix 2:**

### **Participant List**

#### Armavir

1. Naira Karapetyan (Armavir Polyclinic, community nurse)
2. Gohar Saribekyan (Armavir Hospital, chief nurse)
3. Hripsime Vardanyan (Vagharshapat, chief nurse)
4. Sousanna Mkrtchyan (Vagharshapat Polyclinic, chief nurse)
5. Rouzanna Davtyan (Armavir polyclinic, nurse)

#### Lori

1. Lianna Sargsyan (nurse)
2. Vardouhy Mnacakanyan (nurse)
3. Gretta Eghiazaryan (nurse)
4. Valya Kocharyan (nurse)

#### Sevan

1. Tagouhy Adamyan (nurse)
2. Hasmik Hovhannisyan (nurse)
3. Lianna Mikaielyan (nurse)
4. Arousyak Galstyan (nurse)

#### Erebouni

1. Gretta Khachatryan (nurse)
2. Kristina Khourshoudyan (nurse)

#### Emergency Hospital

1. Rouzanna Adamyan (nurse)
2. Rouzanna Ginosyan (nurse)

#### Ministry of Health

1. Maya Simonyan (Head of the Ereboundy collage resource center)
2. Janna Pepanyan (chief nurse, polyclinic #19)
3. Lilit Mouradyan (Head of family nursing department, National Institute)
4. Jenny Filyan (Head of the nursery department, National Institute)

#### Mammography

1. Lousine Hakobyan
2. Inna Madoyan