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School of Health Information Science Seminar Series



Dr. Marge Benham-Hutchins Presents:

**“I Want to Know Everything”:
Perspectives from Patients on
Access to Health Information
During Hospitalization**

Wednesday, May 5th, 2021
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Pacific
Online via [Zoom](#)

Abstract: This presentation will provide an overview of three studies designed to examine barriers and facilitators to patient access to medical information during hospitalization. Study #1 examined provider handoffs on a surgical oncology unit and patient’s perspectives on when patient participation should occur. Study #2 included a patient as a member of the research team and focused on patients’ access to medical information and participation in handoffs and rounds during hospitalization and how this influenced chronic disease self-management. Study #3 explored how Spanish speaking Hispanic patients viewed patient-provider information exchange during hospitalization.

Dr. Benham-Hutchins is a registered nurse and completed a PhD in nursing from the University of Arizona with a substantive research focus of Health Informatics and a minor in Health Systems. Her research is guided by the principles of complexity science. Research includes the “Network Stability and Fit” project that used social network analysis methodology to examine nursing unit communication patterns and relationships between the identified communication patterns and patient outcomes. The “Bridge the Gap” research projects include the patient as a member of the health care team and examine facilitators and barriers to patient access to medical information during hospitalization and patient perceptions on how information access during hospitalization influences their ability to manage their chronic disease after discharge.

Dr. Benham-Hutchins joined the faculty in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi as an Associate Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Bio-behavioral Nursing Science in the Fall 2019. She is also an Associate Editor of the Journal of Participatory Medicine and a lifetime member of the Society of Participatory Medicine.

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