

**KSNA Annual Fall Convention
And
Annual Immunization Conference**

Program Outline:

"Unlocking the Power of Electronic Health Information for Public Health Workers in Kansas", has been funded by a National Library of Medicine (NIH) grant. We will use technology to educate nurses about human and animal health information.

A Web site will be presented and online searching will be demonstrated, teaching the attendees how to find current, relevant and authoritative public health information using the Web and the National Library of Medicine's online resources.

*At the close of our presentation, we will provide a CD as a take home tool for each attendee. The CD's contain Public Health Web sites, which include links to organizations, databases, guidelines, directories, libraries, PDA resources, dictionaries, education, consumer health, Internet tutorials and web evaluative information.

The target audience for this grant includes The Kansas State Nurses Association, Kansas Public Health Association, the Kansas Association of Sanitarians, all 99 local health departments in the state of Kansas, and the Veterinary Medicine Association.

Presenters:

The presenters will be PI-Teresa R. Coady, MLS, Manager of Farha Medical Library, Kansas University School of Medicine Wichita and Co-PI Gayle K. Willard, MLS, Director of The Veterinary Medicine Library, Kansas State University who, are working collaboratively on this project.

Teresa Coady is the Manager of The George J. Farha Medical Library at The University of Kansas School of Medicine – Wichita. She has 18 years experience managing Medical Libraries in three settings: hospital, clinic, and academic medical library settings. Teresa enjoys teaching others how to find medical information through the Internet and through medical information systems.

Gayle Willard is a professor and Director of the Veterinary Medical Library at Kansas State University. Professor Willard is a distinguished member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals and has more than 25 years experience in the area of human and veterinary medicine. In addition to innovative information management, Ms. Willard is very involved in the dissemination of quality health information to all population groups.

Behavioral Objectives:

At the conclusion of this program the participants will be able to 1) retrieve consumer health information from a variety of authoritative Web sites, and 2) find and use the compilation of information located on the kspublichealth.org Web site.

Meetings:

I understand the Oct. 9 meeting is for the Kansas State Nurses Association and will be held at the Reardon Civic Center & Hilton Garden Inn in Kansas City, Kansas. The Annual Immunization Conference will be held at the Wichita Marriott on Thursday, Nov. 13. We appreciate this opportunity to present at both conferences.

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