Dr. Rana Limbo Retires

Leader, director, author, editor, mentor: Dr. Rana Limbo has impacted nursing care on many levels throughout her 50-year career, particularly at the helm of the RTS program which she co-founded. In July, RTS celebrated her and her innumerable accomplishments. An expert in relationship, her personal and professional reach cannot be measured. In the months prior to her retirement, we collected many wonderful stories and thoughtful remarks about Dr. Limbo.

Thank you to everybody who submitted; you helped make her sendoff very memorable. Dr. Limbo has assumed her new title of Director Emeritus for Resolve Through Sharing. We wish her happiness in her retirement and are very grateful for her ongoing support and guidance.

Pictured above: RTS staff members Kathleen Cassidy, Mary Beth Hensel, Marie Walter, Rana Limbo, Andrew Manson, Jeanne Henderson, Melissa Koch

Pictured above: Rana Limbo and Dr. Sig Gundersen, Chairman, Gundersen Medical Foundation

RTS Is Now on LinkedIn!
Connect with us on LinkedIn to learn about new trainings, exhibits, products, and publications as they are happening.
La Crosse Training

RTS held its annual La Crosse training event August 6-8. Each summer, participants make the pilgrimage to the birthplace of our relationship-based bereavement training. Making this year’s event especially significant was the launch of RTS Bereavement Training: Adult Death. RTS Bereavement Training: Perinatal Death and Coordinator Training were also presented.

In all, 70 people attended both bereavement courses and 22 completed Coordinator Training. Many participants traveled from the tri-state area, but others came from Italy, Alaska, Hawaii, California, the Dakotas, Texas, and Florida. Disciplines of those in attendance included nurse, social worker, chaplain, child life specialist, psychologist, ACP coordinator, bereavement specialist, and other end-of-life related specialties.

The next La Crosse training is planned for June 10-12, 2019. In its 37-year history, RTS has trained over 50,000 healthcare professionals worldwide.

RTS Bereavement Training: Adult Death

RTS Bereavement Training: Adult Death will be available later this year. The course, which was formerly RTS Bereavement Training: Pediatric and Adult Death, has shifted the focus to topics on adult death only. Updates to the materials include expanded discussion on long-term illness and dying with dignity, deaths that carry stigma, and relationships of those grieving (e.g., partners, parents of adult children, siblings). It also includes new, insightful interviews, reflections, and group activities. If you are an RTS Pediatric and Adult Death Coordinator, look for communications from the RTS National Office regarding the update.

RTS Online Learning

The newly designed RTS online learning modules are now available!

- Communicating With the Bereaved
- Memory-Making and Ritual
- Guided Participation: A Method of Teaching and Learning

The new online modules are user-friendly, interactive, and evidence-based. They work seamlessly with RTS education, providing in-depth introductions to topics that are fundamental to the core RTS courses. You can complete the modules by taking RTS Bereavement Training, or you can complete them independently by purchasing the Bereavement Module 3-Pack for $45. The modules are suitable for individual training as well as training for entire healthcare organizations. Continuing education is available for nurses, social workers, and chaplains.

For more information about the online learning modules, including purpose statements and objectives, click here.
Guided Participation in Pediatric Nursing Practice: Relationship-Based Teaching and Learning With Parents, Children, and Adolescents
Edited by Karen Pridham, Rana Limbo, and Michele Schroeder
Published by Springer Publishing Company

This authoritative publication delivers an in-depth examination of Guided Participation (GP), a dynamic process of teaching and learning that helps individuals become competent by providing expertise through working alongside the learner. Written for students and practitioners who wish to incorporate GP into their practice, and for managers, administrators, and policy makers who support its implementation, this resource demonstrates the value of GP as a new and emerging healthcare model that integrates care across healthcare settings. RTS incorporates GP practice into its relationship-based teaching model and bereavement care standards.

In addition to being one of the book’s three editors, Dr. Limbo, whose work with GP dates back to the early 90s, is also single author of one chapter and co-author of a chapter with RTS Director Mary Beth Hensel. RTS National Faculty member Darryl Owens is co-author of a chapter as well.

The first editor of the book, Dr. Karen Pridham, was recently featured in an article by University of Wisconsin-Madison News. She has been a faculty member at UW-Madison for 52 years, and in that time, she has served as a mentor to many, including Dr. Limbo. Click here to read the story on Dr. Pridham’s remarkable career.

Purchase the book here to read more about the way RTS has incorporated GP practice into its relationship-based teaching model and bereavement care standards over the years.

Consultation Services
RTS is now offering consultation services. These services are designed to help you implement or enhance a bereavement program in your organization. During RTS consultation, we discuss bereavement care, introduce RTS education, develop support, create a shared understanding, and discuss strategies for moving forward.
Consultation package includes
- Needs assessment and risk analysis
- Onsite visit
- Customized presentations for stakeholders
- Regularly scheduled meeting with stakeholders
- Phone and email support

International Perinatal Bereavement Conference
The 21st International Perinatal Bereavement Conference presented by the Pregnancy Loss and Infant Death Alliance (PLIDA) will take place October 24-27, 2018 in St. Louis, MO. RTS is a sponsor of the event and will also be there to exhibit.

RTS Staff and National Faculty involved in planning and presenting at this year’s event include Dr. Rana Limbo (Consultant and PLIDA Past President), Marie Walter (Presenter), Gina Jones (Co-Chair and PLIDA Board President), Dr. Deborah Rich (Conference Planning Member and Presenter), Beth Ricci (Contributing Committee Member), Jane Heustis (Presenter), and Marcia Jenkins (Presenter).
Perinatal Leadership Forum

Synova’s 5th Annual Perinatal Leadership Forum will be held November 4-7, 2018 at the Sawgrass Marriott in Ponte Vedra, FL. The four-day forum is focused on creating a culture of trust. Attendees will build relationships with perinatal leaders across the country and engage in education sessions centered on cutting-edge practice. RTS is a sponsor of the event and will also be there to exhibit.

International Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference

Interested in presenting your research at the 2019 International Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference? University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Continuing Education and the Center for Death Education and Bioethics invite you to submit your proposal. The theme of the conference is Hospice and the Arts: Coping with Dying and Grief. Click here for more information.

Exhibits

International Perinatal Bereavement Conference, St. Louis, MO
October 24-27, 2018

Perinatal Leadership Forum, Ponte Vedra, FL
November 4-7, 2018

NICU Leadership Forum, Litchfield Park, AZ
April 28-May 2, 2019

RTS Training Schedule

Edward-Elmhurst Health, Plainfield, IL
• Perinatal Death, October 17-18, 2018
• Coordinator Training, October 19, 2018

NYU Langone Health, New York, NY
• Perinatal Death, November 5-6, 2018
• Coordinator Training, November 7, 2018
• Neonatal and Pediatric Death, November 8-9, 2018

Baylor Scott & White McLane Children’s Medical Center, Temple, TX
• Neonatal and Pediatric Death, January 30-31, 2019
• Coordinator Training, February 1, 2019

University of New Mexico Hospital, Albuquerque, NM
• Neonatal and Pediatric Death, February 4-5, 2019
• Coordinator Training, February 6, 2019

Beaumont Children’s Hospital, Troy, MI
• Perinatal Death, May 6-7, 2019
• Coordinator Training, May 8, 2019
• Neonatal and Pediatric Death, May 9-10, 2019

Gundersen Health System, La Crosse, WI
• Perinatal Death, June 10-11, 2019
• Coordinator Training, June 12, 2019