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A T H E N S C A M P U S

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Athens 207	<p>Liongram Symposium 2026</p> 	<p>#42 Effective Discharge Education to Reduce Readmissions in Patients with New Onset Heart Failure Cynetria Givens</p> <p>#51 Mental Health of Intensive Care Nurses Pre- and Post-COVID Lauren Roberts</p> <p>#65 Day vs. Night Shift: How Does it Impact the Overall Health of Healthcare Workers Helen Ortiz</p>	<p>#52 Let's Talk About Maggots Elijah Loux</p> <p>#63 Prescription Versus Over-the-Counter Pain Management in Patients with Hidradenitis Suppurativa Ann Njoroge</p> <p>#69 Complementary Nursing Interventions to Improve Mental Health Outcomes in Veterans and Service Members Eric McBurney</p>
Athens 310	<p>#23 Nurse Residency and Mentorship Programs for New Graduate Nurses Keren Palma</p> <p>#48 Compassion Fatigue in Emergency Nurses Vivian Earnhart</p> <p>#55 In Med-surg Patients, Does Bathing in Chlorhexidine Gluconate (CHG) Reduce the Incidence of Infections? Diana Ortega</p> <p>#59 Support the Mind, Strengthen the Ethics: The Impact of Structured Mental Health Support in Palliative Care Jada Smith</p>	<p>#60 Emergency Room Overcrowding Eva Phillips</p> <p>#61 Comparing Gate-Control Based Non-Pharmacological and Pharmacologic Management of Chronic Pain in Adults Skylar Swann</p> <p>#67 The Impact of a Standardized Surgical Safety Checklist on Postoperative Errors Emily Hyman</p> <p>#68 Scheduled Position Changes in Laboring Patients Receiving Epidurals Makayla Anglin</p>	<p>#70 Negative Pressure Wound Dressings vs Moist Wound Dressings in Diabetic Patients Ally Alewin</p> <p>#71 Bridging the Communication Gap: Evaluating AAC Effectiveness in Nonverbal Autistic Hospitalized Patients Ashley Bonds</p> <p>#158 African American Women vs. Cardiovascular Disease: An Evidence-Based Review Ti'yonda Turner</p> <p>#239 Effects of Shift Report Style on Patient Outcomes in the Emergency Department Madison Bailey</p>
Athens 313	<p>#49 Pressure Injuries in the Intensive Care Unit Margaret Michael</p> <p>#50 Empowering Birth Nikeria Sims</p> <p>#53 Shift Length and Nurse Well-Being: Does Shorter Mean Better? Ashanti Faust</p> <p>#54 The Analgesic Effects of Breastfeeding Versus Oral Sucrose During Infant Procedural Pain Katlyn Crampton</p>	<p>#56 Chlorhexidine and Beyond Ana Narvaez</p> <p>#57 Migraine Relief Beyond Medication Kimberly Kesler</p> <p>#58 Sedation Vacation Protocol Versus Continuous Sedation: Influence on ICU Length of Stay Emma Hargrove</p> <p>#62 Improving Healthcare Culture for All: An Evidence-Based Team Approach Aniya Stewart</p>	<p>#64 Association Between Child Delivery Type and Postpartum Depression Katie Randall</p> <p>#66 Delay the Bath, Boost the Bond Christodiah Amoah</p> <p>#72 African American Women Deserve Culturally Competent Prenatal Care Akira Haynes</p> <p>#156 Medication Error in Nursing Payton Canaday</p>

Session 1: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Student(s)	Title	Sponsor
Alexandra Petfalski, Callaway Branan, Collyn Piedra, Kathryn Seymour	#82 Surgical Wound Infection/Management	Prof. Taryn Ogle
Anna Grace Marable, Emma Smith, Raven Glenn, Sarah Walker	#85 Osteoporosis	Prof. Taryn Ogle
Anny Senna	#89 Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA): A Multidrug-Resistant Cause of Chronic Wound Infections	Dr. Julia Schmitz
Kianna Irish, Ke'ondra Thomas, Nashondra Davis	#98 When Stability Falls: Understanding Hip Fractures	Prof. Taryn Ogle
Jenna Reese, Kaitlyn Ellis, Sophia Rogers	#117 Oh! So You Have An Aneurysm?	Prof. Taryn Ogle

Session 2: 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

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Mackenzie Ingram	#138 Rabies: The Bite-Sized Breakdown	Dr. Julia Schmitz
Tokyo Lee	#140 Herpes	Dr. Julia Schmitz
Morgan Broughton	#157 Acne	Dr. Julia Schmitz
Conerly Seger, Islay Drake, Jennifer Fuentes, Kasey Bailey	#159 Hyperthyroidism	Prof. Taryn Ogle
Shamya Johnson	#183 Streptococcus	Dr. Julia Schmitz

Session 3: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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Cheyenne Johnson, Katie Farmer, Kenzie Hall	#83 Venous Thrombosis	Prof. Taryn Ogle
Antquanette Davis, Cierra Cain, Crystal Ransom, Shanique Eberhart	#88 Asthma	Prof. Taryn Ogle
Ashtan Huff, Brittany McKeever, Corey Carney, Jackie Caceres	#90 Hypothyroidism	Prof. Taryn Ogle
Cierra Johnson, Mohammad Obaid Rahman, Oriana Alleyne	#101 Anxiety/Anxiety Disorders	Prof. Taryn Ogle
Belen Izquierdo, Emilee Cantey, Madalyn Pagerie, Sebastian Odinson	#180 Patient-Centered Care for Individuals with Anxiety Disorders	Prof. Taryn Ogle