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Forensics Seminar at Illinois Wesleyan University

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--The question of when to call a coroner may not be pondered by most folks, but for those facing forensic issues such as dealing with death on a daily basis, the question becomes critical. Nurses, nurse practitioners, administrators in long term health care facilities may all, at one time or another, have need of a coroner's expertise, and the seminar titled "Forensics Aspects of Patient Care: How To Handle A Coroner's Case," on Saturday, March 7, 1998 in the Memorial Student Center at Illinois Wesleyan University is meant to answer the forensic questions of all health care professionals in attendance.

McLean County Coroner, Daniel Brady, Livingston County Coroner, Michael Burke, and Forensic pathologist, Dr. Violet Hnilica will each make presentations at the seminar. Brady's speech is titled, "Telling the Family About Death." Burke considers "What Is a Coroner's Case?" And Hnilica takes up "Forensic Considerations at the Bedside." Burke actively supports a team approach to forensic aspects of patient care while Brady has delivered numerous presentations on the role of health care workers in evidence preservation, and Hnilica is an enthusiast for increasing health care workers' skills in the appropriate handling of forensic issues.

Anyone not pre-registered, but interested in attending the seminar, may register the day of the event in IWU's Turfler Room, second floor of the Memorial Student Center. Registration fee (including continental breakfast) for RN's, LPN's, and EMS personnel is \$30.00, and \$10.00 for students. (Those expecting to attend and preferring to pay on the day of the seminar, are requested to call Marsha VanEtten in advance at the Illinois Wesleyan School of Nursing Office, 309-556-3051.) Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 8 a.m., presentations will be made throughout the morning, and the program will culminate with a question and answer period around noon. Free parking for the event is available

in the large parking lot on the south side of Emerson Street, across from the Shirk Center, on Illinois Wesleyan's campus.

The Forensics Seminar will provide health care workers with the most effective ways to deal with patient deaths requiring the involvement of a coroner for evidence preservation and assessment. Issues concerning communications techniques for informing family members about a loved one's death, preservation of evidence, as well as other forensic related topics will be addressed. The seminar's intended audience includes registered nurses and licensed practical nurses in hospital, homecare and long-term care settings, but may also appeal to hospital administrators, staff nurses and field workers.

The seminar is sponsored by Sigma Theta Tau International, an honorary society concerned with the development and dissemination of nursing knowledge. The local Theta Pi Chapter at IWU has been recognized by the international organization for 12 years and has offered a great variety of nursing seminars --including 'Care Mapping,' 'Managed Care,' and 'Health Care Restructuring.'

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,000 students in a College of Liberal Arts, and its Schools of Music, Theater Arts, Art, and Nursing. Since 1994, these facilities have been added to the IWU campus: a \$15 million athletic center, a \$25 million science building, a \$6.8 million residence hall, and a \$5.1 million liberal arts center. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching ranks Illinois Wesleyan a "Baccalaureate I" institution, a classification that places it among the 159 highly selective National Liberal Arts Colleges. IWU won the 1997 NCAA Division III men's basketball championship.