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## New Instrument Predicts Domestic Violence



More than three million women in the United States are abused by their partners and more than

1,200 are killed by their abusers each year. The newly revised Danger Assessment tool helps women at risk learn their level of danger and trains domestic violence advocates, law enforcement, and health professionals in measuring danger levels. The instrument, developed by researchers in the School of Nursing at Johns Hopkins University, is available online. For more information, visit [www.dangerassessment.org](http://www.dangerassessment.org).

## Six Sigma Training Courses Are Available

The American Society for Quality (ASQ) and Creative Healthcare (CHC) soon will offer blended-learning Six Sigma training courses to quality professionals in the healthcare industry. The program will combine CHC's online training program and classroom instruction with "Webinars"—an online learning experience that includes a voice link to an instructor, slides, and other real-time learning content—produced by ASQ.

The blended-learning, green-belt training sessions will be held year-round in Atlanta, GA. Courses also will be offered at ASQ headquarters in Milwaukee, WI, and at CHC headquarters in Scottsdale, AZ.

Six Sigma is a performance-improvement methodology that uses statistical analysis to reveal the root cause of defects in products and performance. Long used in manufacturing, its principles and techniques have been introduced to

## Forensics Becomes a New Nursing Specialty

For most people, forensic medicine is a part of crime-scene investigation television dramas, but for three students who graduated in spring 2005, it is a career path. They are the first to complete the Johns Hopkins forensic clinical nurse specialist program in which nurses are trained to work directly with victims of criminal activity or those who are injured in a way that may lead to civil litigation. Through the



program, led by Assistant Professor Dan Sheridan, PhD, RN, students become experienced in wound-identification documentation, forensic terminology, and giving courtroom testimony. Graduates may work directly in the legal system, such as in a Public Defenders Office, or in an emergency room at the forefront of health care. For more information, visit [www.son.jhmi.edu/news\\_events/news/newsdetail.asp?ID=106](http://www.son.jhmi.edu/news_events/news/newsdetail.asp?ID=106).

healthcare, service, education, and other sectors with impressive results. ASQ is a leading provider of Six Sigma resources, including training, publications, and certifications.

Under the new agreement, participants will have the option of learning Six Sigma in their work or home setting and at their own pace, knowing that live instructional help is readily available. Program completion will provide participants with a major portion of the foundational knowledge necessary to take an ASQ certification examination.

## Nursing Leader Receives Prestigious Award



CDR Colleen O. Lee, RN, MS, AOCN®, is the 2005 recipient of the O. Marie Henry Publication Award for Clinical Nursing Practice for her articles "Clinical Trials in Cancer,

Part I: Biomedical, Complementary, and Alternative Medicine: Finding Active Trials and Results of Closed Trials" and "Clinical Trials in Cancer, Part II: Biomedical, Complementary, and Alternative Medi-

cine: Significant Issues," published in the *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing* in October and December 2004.

In the first article, Lee offered a synopsis of how to locate active trials and published results pertaining to complementary and alternative medicine. In the second article, she reviewed significant aspects of cancer complementary and alternative medical clinical trials and the use of complementary and alternative medicine in symptom management.

## Initiative Will Help Nurses Improve the Quality of Cancer Care

Despite nursing's pivotal role in the delivery of patient care, limited rigorous research demonstrates causal relationships between the quality of nursing care and high-quality patient outcomes. Building and sharing the evidence in this area is central to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's mission to improve the quality of health and health care for all Americans.