

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

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NAME D'Apolito, Karen		POSITION TITLE Assistant Professor	
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EDUCATION/TRAINING <i>(Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, and include postdoctoral training.)</i>			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
Middlesex County College, Edison, NJ	AD	1971	Nursing
Trenton State, Trenton, NJ	BSN	1979	Nursing
Case Western Reserve, Cleveland, OH	MSN	1981	Nursing
University of Washington, Seattle, WA	PhD	1994	Nursing

**A. Positions and Honors**

**Positions and Employment**

- 1971 – 1973 Staff Nurse, Pediatric Unit, Rahway Hospital, Rahway, NJ
- 1973 – 1981 Staff Nurse, NICU, Monmouth Medical Long Branch, NJ
- 1981 – 1983 Specialist, Neonatal Clinical, Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, Cleveland, OH
- 1981 – 1983 Clinical Instructor; Pediatrics, CWRU, Cleveland, OH
- 1983 – 1987 Neonatal/Infant Clinical Nursing Educator; Children's Hospital, Washington, DC
- 1987 – 1989 Director, Perinatal Outreach Program, The New York Hospital, New York, NY
- 1989 – 1993 Research Assistant, Working Mom's Project, University of Washington, Seattle
- 1989 – 1993 Research Assistant, Use of containment & swaddling during suctioning & gavage feeding in preterm infants (Principal Investigator: Susan Blackburn, RN, PhD), University of Washington, Seattle
- 1994 – 1998 Assistant Professor, Co-Director, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program University of Cincinnati, College of Nursing & Health, Cincinnati, OH
- 1998 – pres Assistant Professor; Director, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Specialty, Vanderbilt University, School of Nursing, Nashville, TN

**Honors**

- 1979 Division of Nursing Honor Society, Trenton State College
- 1979 Graduated Magna Cum Laude, Trenton State College
- 1980 Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Nu Chapter, Trenton State College
- 1995 Distinguished Service Award, National Association of Neonatal Nurses Awarded
- 1997 Awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. funding to attend diversity training, University Hospital Cincinnati, OH
- 1994 – 1998 Elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Neonatal Nurses 1999 - Received the Research Paper of the Year Award by MCN for an article titled "Comparison of a rocking bed and standard bed for decreasing symptoms in drug-exposed infants," MCN, May/June, 1999
- 1999 – 2001 President, Sigma Theta Tau, Iota Chapter, Vanderbilt Univ. School of Nursing
- 2002 – pres Affiliate member of the University of Michigan Substance Abuse Research Center
- 2004 Excellence in Educational Innovation, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing

**Editorial Board Member**

- 1989 – pres Journal of Prenatal and Neonatal Nursing, Aspen Publishers
- 1996 – 2000 Mother Baby Journal, NICU, Inc.
- 1998 Guest Editor, Neonatal Section, Journal of Perinatal and Neonatal Nursing, Aspen Publishers
- 2001 Guest Editor, Neonatal Section, Journal of Perinatal and Neonatal Nursing, Aspen Publishers

## **Other Experiences and Professional Memberships**

1981 – pres American Nurses Association  
1985 – pres National Association of Neonatal Nurses, Petaluma, CA. Director at Large, 1994-1998  
1986 – pres International Association for Infant Mental Health, East Lansing, MI  
1988 – 1990 New York State Perinatal Association  
1988 – 1992 Eastern Nursing Research Society of MARNA/NEON  
1988 – 1992 Member Nursing Standards Committee, National Association Neonatal Nurses, Petaluma, CA  
1992 – 1993 North American Nursing Diagnosis Association  
1993 – pres Pacific Northwest National Association of Neonatal Nurses  
1995 – pres Alumni Association, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington  
1995 – pres Midwest Nursing Research Society  
1995 – pres Greater Cincinnati Area Association of Neonatal Nurses  
1998 – pres National Nurses Society on Addictions  
1998 – pres Southern Nursing Research Society  
1998 – pres Middle Tenn. Association of Neonatal Nurses  
1999 – 2000 Western Institute of Nursing  
1999 – pres AMERSA

## **B. Selected peer-reviewed publications (in chronological order)**

D'Apolito, K. (1984). The neonate's responses to pain. *MCN*, 9, 256-257.  
Lubart, S. & D'Apolito, K. (1986). Overview of nursing practice. In G.Avery (Ed.) *Neonatology* (3rd ed. pp. 68-83). Philadelphia: Lippincott Co.  
D'Apolito, K. & Givens, L. (1988). Self-learning modules designed in the nursing process. *Critical Care Nurse*, 8 (7), 66-76.  
Fetter, M.S., Feetham, S.L., D'Apolito, K.C., Chaze, B.A, Fink, A., Frink, B., Hougart, M., & Rushton. C.H. (1989). Randomized clinical trials: Issues for Researchers. *Nursing, Research*, 38(2), 117-120.  
D'Apolito, K. (1991). What is an organized infant? *Neonatal Network*, 11, 23-29.  
D'Apolito, K. (1996). Recognizing symptoms of withdrawal in drug-exposed infants. *Mother Baby Journal* 1(2), 7-14.  
D'Apolito, K., & McRorie, T. (1996). Pharmacologic management of neonatal abstinence syndrome. *The Journal of Perinatal & Neonatal Nursing* 2(4), 70-80.  
Kenner, C., & D'Apolito, K. (1997). Outcomes for children exposed to drugs in utero. *JOGNN* 26, 595-603.  
D'Apolito, K. (1998). Substance abuse: Infant and childhood outcomes. *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*, 13(5), 307-316.  
D'Apolito, K (1999). Comparison of a rocking bed and standard bed for decreasing symptoms in drug-exposed infants. *MCN*, 24 (3), 138-144.  
D'Apolito, K (2001). Most prominent symptoms of withdrawal in drug-affected infants. *The Journal of Perinatal and Neonatal Nursing*, 14(4), 46-60.  
D'Apolito, K, & Hepworth, J. (2001). Most Prominent Symptoms of Withdrawal in Drug-Affected Infants. *The Journal of Perinatal and Neonatal Nursing*, 14(4), 46-60.  
D'Apolito, K. (2006). State of the Science: Procedural Pain Management in the Neonate. *The Journal of Perinatal and Neonatal Nursing* 20(1), 56-61.  
D'Apolito, K. (In Press). Neonatal Opiate Withdrawal: Pharmacologic Management. *Newborn & Infant Nursing Reviews*.

## **C. Research Support**

### **Ongoing Research Support**

R01 DA015713 Martin (PI)  
NIH/NIDA

09/27/04 – 06/30/09

*Maternal Opioid Treatment: Human Experimental Research*

This is a multi-site study to develop an infrastructure and network of sites with expertise in conducting controlled trials with pharmacotherapies for substance abusing and dependent pregnant women.

Role: Investigator

### **Completed Research Support**

None