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PRMC partners with University of Hawaii for nursing research

TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER – Pacific Regional Medical Command (PRMC) and University of Hawaii at Manoa’s School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene (SONDH) recently signed a memorandum establishing a new nursing research partnership.

The agreement calls for Tripler Army Medical Center nurses to team up with UH-Manoa nursing faculty to conduct research on health promotion, disease prevention, and evidence-based practices that will expand nursing knowledge and ultimately improve care for military personnel and their families. The program will also cultivate interest in nursing research careers and support a network for mentorship and professional development for nurses in both organizations.

“We are committed to continually seeking new ways to improve the care of our service men and women in Hawaii and the Pacific Region,” said Col. Theresa Sullivan, deputy commander for nursing, Tripler Army Medical Center. “This partnership will strengthen our relationship with the community to enhance the conduct of scientifically sound research and evidence-based practice so that we can provide the best care we can to our 436,000 beneficiaries.”

Dr. Mary Boland, UH-Manoa’s dean of School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, said, “At the SONDH, we serve the community through our efforts in nursing research, education and service. We are honored to expand our long standing relationship with PRMC to conduct joint research.”

The memorandum-signing ceremony on Oct. 1 at Tripler marked the first formal academic-clinical nursing research partnership between an Army medical treatment facility and a public university. Ceremony participants Brig. Gen. Steve Jones, PRMC commanding general, and Gary Ostrander, UH-Manoa’s vice chancellor for research, congratulated nurses from both organizations for their efforts to create a joint vision for the future of nursing and health care.

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After signing a new partnership agreement between PRMC and UH-Manoa, ceremony participants show off their handiwork. From left are Dr. Mary Boland, Dean, UH Mānoa School of Nursing & Dental Hygiene; Dr. Gary Ostrander, vice chancellor for research & graduate education, UH Mānoa; Brig. Gen. Steve Jones, commanding general, Pacific Regional Medical Command, and Col. Theresa Sullivan, deputy commander for nursing, Tripler Army Medical Center. U.S. Army photo by Leslie Ozawa