An International Nursing Exchange: The North Carolina-Republic of Moldova Nursing Collaborative

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Objectives

The learners will:

1. Explore the process of developing an international nursing exchange.
2. Discuss the importance of identifying all necessary stakeholders.
3. Be able to identify outcomes achieved through an international collaboration of nurses.

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Where is Moldova?

- Moldova is located between Romania and Ukraine.
- Became independent in 1991 following the collapse of the Soviet Union.
North Carolina-Republic of Moldova Nursing Collaborative

- Initiated and supported by the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State
- Greensboro/Guilford County Rotary Clubs
- Rotary International
- U.S. Embassy in the Republic of Moldova
Key Stakeholders

• Community
• State
• International
Identifying Needs

- Advance Nursing Education-BSN
- Professional and safe nursing practice
- Public Health
Nursing Education in Moldova

Two Levels of entry:

• Complete grade 9, followed by 5 years nursing education

• Complete grade 12, followed by 3 years nursing education
Funding

- Global Grant: International Rotary
- Local donations
- Fundraising
Educational Seminars
Continuing Education in Moldova

- 4 weeks at the CE Center
- 150 hours every 5 years
- Required for change in specialty
Nursing in Moldova

• Patient ratio 20:1 up to 50:1
• Team Nursing
• Shifts: 24 hour shifts with 1 hour to sleep is the norm
• Lack of nurse aids
• Documentation-very limited
Outcomes in Moldova

- Nurse leader role
- Staffing improvements
- Safer nursing practice
- Improved patient care
- Academic collaboration
Nursing Students
Nursing Faculty
Outcomes in North Carolina

- Enhance cultural competence
- Contributing to nursing knowledge
Oncology Institute (Hospital)
International Collaboration
Questions?