

Ostomy Education Day

April 10, 2010

Mercy Medical Center –
Des Moines

The second annual Ostomy Education Day was held Saturday, April 10, 2010 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Fifty seven were in attendance. Participants came as far away as Moline IL, Ft Dodge, North Liberty and as close as across the street!

Thank you to the organized, hardworking committee who pulled this event together – Mary Mahoney, Zoe Bishop, Tami Hoyt, Joyce Otto, Janell Schoenfeld, Renee Visser, Rita Huntrods, Nancy Medick, Shirley Zurcher and Barb Rozenboom.

Thank you also to our WOCN volunteers who helped out that day – Cathy Smith, Lynn Chandlee, Mary Puzder and Janice Graham.

Participating WOCNs





Four speakers provided informative presentations which generated great questions from the audience. Dr Carl Meyer, Iowa Clinic Urologist, presented on urinary diversions. Lori Schirmer, IMMC Pharmacist things to consider about medications when you have an ostomy. Kerrie Bunnell, Mercy Education Specialist, presented on preparing for xrays and tests. Susan Leatham, Hospice Chaplain from Grinnell spoke about Hope, Optimism and Healing.



We had a total of 14 vendors participating. The vendors were very well received and were all pleased with the opportunity to share their products and interact with participants.



The day ended with the group attending break out sessions according to their type of ostomy and session for caregivers. The participants found this sharing time valuable.



Thank you to our affiliate members who helped spread the word to their ostomy patients.



Plans are already in the making for Ostomy Education Day 2011. Anyone interested in participating as a committee member, volunteer or speaker please contact Barb Rozenboom.