

Cheryl Tatano Beck, D.N.Sc.

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Cheryl Tatano Beck is a distinguished professor in School of Nursing whose research focuses on postpartum depression and traumatic birth

Biography

Dr. Beck is a Distinguished Professor at the University of Connecticut, School of Nursing. She also has a joint appointment in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the School of Medicine. Her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing is from Western Connecticut State University. She received her Master's degree in maternal-newborn nursing from Yale University. Cheryl is a certified nurse-midwife. She received her certificate in nurse-midwifery also from Yale University. Her Doctor of Nursing Science degree is from Boston University. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. She has received numerous awards such as the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nursing's Distinguished Professional Service Award, Eastern Nursing Research Society's Distinguished Researcher Award, and the Distinguished Alumna Award from Yale University School of Nursing. Cheryl has focused her research efforts on developing a research program on postpartum mood and anxiety disorders. Based on the findings from her series of qualitative studies, Cheryl developed the Postpartum Depression Screening Scale (PDSS) which is published by Western Psychological Services. She is a prolific writer who has published over 150 journal articles and 20 book chapters. Cheryl is co-author with Dr. Denise Polit of the textbook, Nursing Research: Generating and Assessing Evidence for Nursing Practice. Editions of this text received both the 2007 and the 2011 American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Award. Their Essentials of Nursing Research textbook won the 2013 AJN Book of the Year Award. Cheryl co-authored with Dr. Jeanne Driscoll Postpartum Mood and Anxiety Disorders: A Clinician's Guide which received the 2006 American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Award. In addition Cheryl has published other books including Traumatic Childbirth and The Routledge International Handbook of Qualitative Nursing Research, Developing a Program of Research in Nursing, Secondary Qualitative Data Analysis, and Writing in Nursing: A Brief Guide.

Areas of Expertise

Birth Trauma, Ptsd, Postpartum Depression, Traumatic Childbirth, Qualitative Research

Affiliations

Massachusetts General Hospital, Yvonne L. Munn Center for Nursing, Senior Nursing Scientist, Board Member- Marce International Society for Perinatal Mental Health of North America

Event Appearances

International Nursing Researcher Hall of Fame
Sigma Theta Tau

Education

Boston University
D.N.Sc.

Yale University
M.S.N.

Yale University
C.N.M.

Western Connecticut State University
B.S.

Accomplishments

Annie Goodrich Distinguished Nurse Lectureship Award
Institute of Living, Hartford, CT

Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health 2012 Best Research Article Award
For "Postpartum Depressive Symptomatology: Results from a Two-Stage U.S. National Survey" (co-authored with Robert Gable, Carol Sakala, and Eugene Declercq).

Annie Goodrich Distinguished Nurse Lectureship Award
Institute of Living, Hartford, CT

AJN 2011 Book of the Year Award for Nursing Research
Nursing Research: Generating and Assessing Evidence for Nursing Practice (9th edition) (co-authored with Denise F. Polit)

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