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University of Iowa Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center

Nurses in the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa benefited from an important gift through the *For Iowa. Forever More.* campaign. In 2015, the Holden family created the Holden Family Nursing Education Fund, which supports nursing education efforts.

Because of that gift, more than 30 nurses from the center were able to attend the 2106 Scofield Advanced Oncology Nursing Conference.

The conference covered a number of subjects, including understanding and managing oncological emergencies, handling cancer-related fatigue and new discoveries in treatment and care.

Annette Norland, a nurse in the UI's Adult Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit, was among the conference attendees and felt fortunate to have the experience.

"I am very grateful that I was given the opportunity to attend the Scofield conference this year," says Norland. "I found all of the topics to be quite interesting and even personally touching. It was also exciting to learn about new agents that delay cancer growth."

UI Health Care physician Joseph J. Cullen, M.D., was among the presenters. He shared the UI's studies on the use of high doses of Vitamin C in fighting cancer.

"That was exciting to hear," says Norland. "I am proud to work for an institution that is involved with these types of studies."

The Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa is Iowa's only National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated comprehensive cancer center and has held that designation since 2000. The NCI designation recognizes the center and its research scientists, physicians, and other health-care professionals for their roles in advancing research that helps prevent, detect and treat cancer. The center was renamed in 2000 after a landmark gift from four generations of the Holden family of Williamsburg, Iowa.