

# TRENDS Seminar

(Topics in Research and Education for Nursing Development in Singapore)

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**Date:** Friday, 6 November 2009

**Venue:** Level 1, Symposium Rooms 2 & 3, Block MD11  
Clinical Research Centre, National University of Singapore

You are invited

## Seminar 1

**Time:** 3.00pm – 4.00pm

**Topic:** Family-centered care: can it work across cultures?

**Abstract:** Family-centered care is similar in many countries, but its implementation differs according to prevailing culture, predominating cultural constructs such as class and gender, resources for health care available within countries, and the educational opportunities on offer for health professionals. A dilemma exists within paediatric nursing in developing countries. Models of paediatric care, introduced by well-meaning educators and aid agencies from developed countries are used but often are not applicable within the developing countries' cultures. This paper, using evidence from research in the UK, Australia, Indonesia, Thailand and the Nordic countries outlines how culture affects the delivery health to children and their families using a model of family-centered care.



**Speaker:** **Professor Linda Shields** holds the position of Professor of Paediatric and Child Health Nursing, a joint appointment between Curtin University and the Child and Adolescent Health Services, including Princess Margaret Hospital for Children in Perth, Australia. Her research interests include the care of children in health services, in particular family-centred care, the health of children in developing countries, paediatric perioperative nursing, the history of nursing, and the role of nurses and midwives in the Third Reich.

Professor Shields is a Life Member of the Australian College of Children and Young People's Nursing, a Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing, Australia; Sigma Theta Tau International; and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine (UK).

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