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**Attachment:**  
**Chapter4.F\_Gero\_PI\_Guidelines\_SanfordExample**  
**Gerontological Nursing Performance Improvement**  
**Project Guidelines**

- The goal of the gerontological PI project is to infuse the best geriatric nursing care into your practice area and apply what you have learned.
- Keep it simple, measurable, and fun. You are limited only by your imagination.
- Do something that is interesting to you and applicable to your patient population.
- You will lead a geriatric practice change.
- Examples:
  - \* *Reduce patient falls by 50% in the Neurology/Orthopedic Unit by December 2005.*
  - \* *Implement and measure outcome of 5 strategies in a LTC patient care plan to reduce patient agitation by July 2005.*
- You may do an independent PI project or join forces with other geri resource nurses from your area.
- You may begin at any time but you need to present outcomes by the December 2005. (outcomes measurable in six months)
- Use evidence-based practice. Please have a minimum of 3 (preferably geriatric journals) references or 1 reference per team member.
- You or a representative from your group will present a brief (5-10 minute) to the class and SVHHS leadership highlighting your geriatric expertise in January 2006.
- Please set up a time with me prior to submitting your project. I would like to ensure that your PI project is realistic, measurable, and that you will succeed.



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*Please submit by February 20<sup>th</sup>.*

**Name (& team members)**

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**Project goal & description**

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**Projected Outcomes**

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