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Educational History

PhD University of Kansas (2001)

MS Fort Hays State University (1993)

BS National Taipei College of Nursing
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Research Focus

Cancer truth-telling, Cancer-related fatigue,
Hospice care

Teaching

- Nursing MSN : Nursing Theory, Hospice Care, Medical-Surgical Nursing, Nursing Research
- Nursing PhD : Research Ethic, Leadership and Policy
- Medicine : Shared Decision Making, Cancer Truth-telling

Awards & Honors

- The Interactive Picture Book System for Communicating Pediatric Cancer Diagnoses won the Gold Medal at the 2024 Taiwan Innotech Expo
- Distinguished Alumni, Chung-Jen Junior College of Nursing, Health Sciences and Management, Taiwan (2011& 2003)
- 2nd Place Award for Student Research Forum, Medical Center, University of Kansas, USA (2001)
- Melba Carter Award for Best Dissertation, School of Nursing, University of Kansas, USA (2001)
- Leora Stroup Master's Award for Top Master Student, Fort Hays State University, USA (1993)

Grants

- Implementing AI in Healthcare Research Curriculum Reform Using Action Research,(2025-2026)
- Development and Testing of an AI Classification Model for Cancer Truth-telling: Taking Nurse Practitioners as Examples (Ministry of Science and Technology, 2023-2026)
- Development and Test of Hospice Team-based Learning Core Courses: Transnational Research of Taiwan and Australia (Chang Gung Hospital, 2021-2023)
- Developing and Testing a Human-Centered Virtual Reality Module: Taking Cancer Truth-telling Communication Skills Training as an Example (Ministry of Science and Technology, 2021-2023)
- The Project of Improvement of Early Hospice Palliative Care of Elderly Patients with Non-cancer Disease (Chang Gung Hospital, 2020-2021)
- Development and Testing of Truth-telling Communication Skill Training for Pediatric Cancer (Ministry of Science and Technology, 2019-2021)
- Implementing Hospice Care Curriculum Reform using Action Research (Ministry of Education, 2019-2020)
- Holistic Care Quality Improvement Plan: Taking the Transitional Care of the Elderly Patients with Disability for Example (Chang Gung Hospital, 2018-2020)
- Improving the Response Rate on Graduate Survey for Nursing Graduates and Their Employers (Chang Gung University, 2018-2019)

- Development and Testing of Cancer Truth-telling Educational Model of Medical and Nursing Collaboration (Ministry of Science and Technology, 2017-2020)
- Acupressure intervention to Increase Physical Functioning in Chinese Immigrant Breast Cancer Survivors (National Cancer Institute R21 fund, 2016-2018)
- Construction and Test of Localized Truth-telling Educational Model for Advanced Practice Nurses (National Science Council, 2014- 2017)
- Cancer Truth-Telling: Train the Trainer Project (Ministry of Health and Welfare, 2011-2016)
- An Exploratory Study on the Effectiveness of Chinese and Western Medicine Combined Treatment for the Efficacy, Performance Status, Symptom Distress, and Quality of Life of Patients with Small Cell (Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, 2014-2015)
- To Establish and Test the Local Education Model for the Truth-telling of Cancer in Taiwan (National Science Council, 2013-2014)
- Cancer Truth-telling: Difference between patients' preferences and physicians' actual doing (National Science Council, 2011-2013)
- Long-term Benefit of Chinese and Western Therapies for the Prognosis of Lung Cancer Patients: Matched Case-Control Study (Ministry of Health and Welfare, 2011-2012)
- The Effectiveness of Acupressure on Fatigue Management on Patients with Lung Cancer: Double-blinded Experimental Study (National Science Council, 2009- 2011)
- The Effect of Energy Conservation and Activity Management Improved Fatigue in Patients with Lung Cancer Undergoing Chemotherapy: A Longitudinal Study (National Science Council, 2006-2008)

- National Study on Role Competency, Manpower, and Clinical Practice of Nurse Practitioners in Taiwan (Ministry of Health, 2007-2009)
- Different Personnel' Perceptions and Recommendations to Nurse Practitioners' Roles at Two Medical Centers : A Qualitative Inquiry (National Science Council, 2005-2006)
- Influencing Factors of terminally ill patients' caregivers: A Longitudinal Study (Chang Gung Hospital, 2005-2006)
- Exploration of Hospice Care in Taiwan (Chang Gung Hospital, 2003-2005)

Publication (*Corresponding Author)

1. Pham, T. N., Fang, J. T., Chen, S. Y., Fang, C. K., Fujimori, M., & Tang, W. R. (2025). Effectiveness of Communication Skills Training on Cancer Patients' Outcomes: A Case-Control Study in Taiwan. *Psycho-Oncology*. Sep Accepted.
2. Chen, S. Y., Fang, J. T., Hsieh, M. J., Lin, C. W., Tung, H. H., Fujimori, M., & Tang, W. R. (2025). Enhancing Cancer Truth-Telling Perspectives Using Virtual Reality in Communication Skills Training: An Experimental Study Among Medical Students. *Perspectives on Medical Education*. Aug Accepted.
3. Chen, S. Y., Chen, S. H., Zhou, M. X., Hsiao, C. C., Lin, C. C., Fang, J. T., Maiko Fujimori, Tang, W. R. (2025). Communication Skills Training to Improve Confidence and Skills in Pediatric Cancer Truth-Telling of Registered Nurses: A Quasi-Experimental Study. *Psychooncology*. Jul;34(7):e70215. doi: 10.1002/pon.70215 .Accepted.
4. Lin, Y. X., Thi Ngoc Pham, Weng, L. C., Fang, C. K., Hsieh, M. J., Chang, Y. C. Fujimori, M., & Tang, W. R. (2025). Comparing the Effectiveness of Online and Face-to-Face Teaching for Medical Students in Shared Decision-Making Communication Skills Training. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, May;40(6):1403-1410. (SCI, IF= 4.2, Rank: 42/332)
5. Li, S. Z., Chen, S. Y., Chang, Y. L., Fang, C. K., Fujimori, M., & Tang, W. R. * (2024). Predicaments and Coping Strategies in Implementing Cancer Truth-telling: A Qualitative Content Analysis. *Supportive Care in Cancer*, 32, 602, 1-9. (SCI, IF= 3.0, Rank: 55/185)
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9. Li, C. L., Chen, P. Y., Yang, T. Y., Chang, J. T., Tang, W. R. , & Chen, M. L. (2023). Changes in fatigue among cancer patients before, during, and after radiation therapy: A meta-analysis. *Worldviews on Evidence-based Nursing*, 10.1111/wvn.12672. Advanced online publication. (SCI, IF= 3.4, Rank: 11/191)
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