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Message from the President

~Trisha Swartzendruber, RN, BSN, NCSN

ISNO has had a very successful year. We have new board members, updated by-laws and policies and procedures, a successful strategic plan, a new membership benefits brochure, a new website, a new electronic newsletter, a new School Nurse of the Year, a new School Nurse Administrator of the Year, two school nurses honored as 100 Great Iowa Nurses, and A National School Nurse Educator of the Year. We have had a very successful ICN CEU offering and a fabulous spring conference in Des Moines. Most recently, we are very proud of the signed legislation to mandate a school nurse in every Iowa school district at the recommended ratio of 1 school nurse to every 750 students. Plus, all school nurses with a SPR will be included in the definition of “teacher” making those nurses eligible for the teacher quality compensation money. Finally, we have had an enormous increase in membership this year, qualifying ISNO to receive a national membership award.

It is amazing how far ISNO has come over the past few years. It is wonderful to see that school nurses are finally seeing themselves as professionals and banding together for the common goal to provide the best health care we can for Iowa students. I applaud all of you for the networking that you have done and the accomplishments that we have made.

My personal vision is for ISNO to continue to grow in membership and visibility in Iowa. I hope someday school nurses in Iowa will practice more uniformly as we strive to standardize practice and the care of our students. I also see an amazing opportunity for ISNO to develop and implement a statewide data base to collect school health data and show how effective school nursing can impact the academic success of our children.

Thank you to everyone that has been involved in our achievements and congratulations to all school nurses who have made it through yet another school year. It’s been amazing to realize what we can do when we all work together. I look forward to working with you again and I can’t wait to see what next year brings. Have a great summer!

Trisha Swartzendruber RN, BSN, NCSN
ISNO President

American College of Preventive Medicine Releases New Adolescent Health Website

ACPM has just released their new Adolescent Health Website, with support from HRSA’s Maternal and Child Health Bureau, which aims to enhance ACPM’s organizational focus on this important population. Using the Healthy People 2010 Critical Objectives for Adolescents and Young Adults as a guide, the site is focused around six major health priorities: 1. Unintentional Injury 2. Violence 3. Mental Health 4. Substance Use 5. Reproductive Health 6. Nutritional and Physical Activity. ACPM takes a broad view of adolescent health, recognizing that healthy youth development and safe, nurturing environments are important in helping young people make healthy decisions. Check out their new website by visiting <http://www.acpm.org/ah/>.

Message from the Past-President

~Sharon Yearous PhD(c), ARNP, CPNP, NCSN

Dr. Ann Marie McCarthy NASN School Nurse Educator of the Year

Dr. Ann Marie McCarthy was nominated by ISNO leaders for the 2007 NASN School Nurse Educator of the Year award for her outstanding leadership, mentoring, and persistence to help advance school nursing in Iowa. Ann Marie will be recognized at the 2007 NASN Conference in Nashville.



Rhoda Shepherd 2007 Iowa School Nurse Administrator of the Year

Rhoda Shepherd was selected as the 2007 Iowa School Nurse Administrator of the Year by a panel of reviewers. Rhoda was nominated by Laura Wheeler, school nurse in Cedar Rapids Community School District for her leadership and advocacy for school health services in the Cedar Rapids School District. Rhoda is now eligible to be a candidate for the 2008 NASN School Nurse Administrator of the Year.



Kathy Andresen 2007 Iowa School Nurse of the Year

Kathy Andresen was selected as the 2007 Iowa School Nurse of the Year by a panel of reviewers. Kathy was nominated numerous school leaders, school staff, and parents. Kathy is employed by Scott County Public Health and provides health services to the non-public schools in Scott County. Kathy's letters of recommendation applaud her ability to cover all non-public schools and yet have time to listen and show compassion for students, parents, and staff. Kathy is now eligible to be a candidate for the 2008 NASN School Nurse of the Year.



Message from the President Elect

~Tami Leavens, RN, BSN

ISNO wrapped up a successful conference that was held at Blank Hospital in Des Moines on April 12 & 13th. The Conference facilities were amazing! The speakers were impressive and entertaining. ISNO stuck to our theme "Protecting Our Youth" and hopefully made attendees realize how school nurses do impact the lives of children in so many ways. There were a variety of topics discussed; topics that many school nurses deal with on almost a daily basis! Usually, when we are least prepared!

I have to admit that I was a little nervous about the conference center being a distance from the hotel. But everyone I talked to loved the hotel amenities of the Marriott, the shopping near Jordan Creek, and the fantastic restaurants☺. No one seemed to mind the short drive. Well I hope those in attendance enjoyed the conference and took time to enjoy themselves. All school nurses deserve a little me time!

I have heard wonderful comments to think about this summer. ISNO really wants to meet the needs of school nurses throughout Iowa. Next spring I am hoping to get a convention planned after Easter. Easter can be stressful for everyone, so can bad weather! Thursday and Friday conference dates worked well. Attendance was the highest ever. We had 132 nurses in attendance. As nurses we deserve time off from the health office we work in to network, learn, and relax. As soon as we have the spring conference dates and location secured we will try to get that on the web site.

As president elect I want to remind anyone that national certification testing dates are winging down for summer 2007. **May 31st is the deadline for the July computer center test dates: 7/14/2007 - 7/28/2007. Check more out on www.nbcsn.org.**

Personally, I would like to form study groups this fall either via ICN, chat rooms, or live interactions. Please e-mail me tlevens@mchsi.com if you would like me to keep you posted of upcoming study groups in the fall ISNO would like to be as supportive as possible.

Thank you, have a great summer! Relax and enjoy life! I will!

Tami Leavens, RN, BSN
ISNO President-Elect

[2008 ISNO School Nurse Conference Help](#)

This year's conference was amazing. Every year, it gets better and better. However, organizing the annual conference is a HUGE job. ISNO would like the president-elect to continue to oversee this project but would also like for the person in that position to concentrate her efforts in learning the ways of ISNO to ready herself for the leadership position of president. Therefore, we are looking for volunteers to be on a committee to help with conference planning. Your involvement can be as little or as much as you choose. There are many tasks, big and small, that come along with coordinating this even. Please contact Trisha at trishercpc@msn.com or Tami at tlevens@mchsi.com if you are interested in helping out with this wonderful professional development and networking opportunity.

NASN News

~Nancy Spalj

Happy Spring!!!!

The NASN Board of Directors held its semi-annual meeting in January. The following are some of the outcomes of this meeting.

The Directors toured the NASN's new offices in Silver Springs, Maryland. The staff is tremendous and the location is very accessible. The ANA offices are right across the street. Contact with legislators by staff and board members is happening, thus the needs and issues of school nurses are being heard. Mary Louise Embrey is the staff person who is the Director for Government Affairs and is doing a tremendous job.

One afternoon the Directors met with their state legislatures. I met with the legislative assistants for Representative Loeb sack and Braley and Senators Harkin and Grassley. These meetings were not too long (15-20 minutes) but I felt that in each case our representatives have an interest in the health of Iowa's school children and now have a better understanding of the role of school nurses. It was a challenge finding the offices and personnel, on my own, on such a cold and blustery day on "the Hill." The meetings went so well that all Board semi-annual meetings now will be held in Washington, DC. This will enable school nurses continued visibility to their legislators.

Task force work is one of the Directors responsibilities. I was assigned to a task force to develop a pandemic web site for school nurses. It is just a matter of time before each school district nationwide will be responsible for developing a pandemic flu plan. In fact many states and school districts have already developed these plans. NASN will have a list of pandemic flu web sites posted on *NASN.org* in the near future. This information will help you in developing your districts pandemic plan.

The Investment Advisory Committee is another part of my assigned responsibilities. The committee met prior to the Board meeting. The investment experts on the committee helped members understand NASN's investment strategies. Because of financial growth, committee members recommended to the NASN Board to commit some funds to the endowment committee and other necessary projects.

It is with reluctance that I have resigned as your National Director effective after the National Conference in June. Patrice Lambert will be your representative to the NASN Board. Patrice has been a director in the past and therefore has knowledge of the Board and its goals/objectives.

I have enjoyed my two years as your representative to NASN and appreciate the opportunity you have given me.

I wish all of you continued success as school nurses and ask only that you continue to take such great care of our children.

Nancy Spalj
NASN Director

ISNO Financial Report

March 31, 2007 to April 30, 2007

~Melanie Hicklin, MSN, ARNP, CPNP, NCSN

ISNO Treasurer

Checking Account Balance as of March 31, 2007

\$27,915.34

Income:

NASN/ISNO March 2007	\$972.00
CEUs Wells/ICN 3/6/07	\$155.00
Advertising	\$.00
Interest Earned	\$1.41
Conference – Spring 2006	\$20,015.00
Raffle (\$165.00 – 4/12/07, \$108.00 – 4/13/07)	\$273.00
ISNO Clothing	\$15.00

Total Income April 2007:

\$21,431.41

Expenses:

NASN Affiliate Dues	\$.00
INA dues – 2006-07 dues	\$.00
Printing Adcraft – ISNO stationary	\$493.50
Newsletter –	\$.00
Postage	\$.00
CEU Expenses Supplies/ D. Johnson	\$82.04
National Director - N. Spalj	\$.00
Board Meeting Spring 2007 Board meeting – Des Moines, IA	\$486.81
Regional Leaders Expenses	\$.00
Conference Spring 2007	\$695.19
NASN National Conference	\$.00
ISNO Clothing	\$.00
Web Page Expense	\$.00
NASN Endowment Fund Proceeds from Raffle (\$165.00 – 4/12/07, \$108.00 – 4/13/07)	\$273.00
Visual Imaging ISNO Banners	\$286.00
Eaton Enterprises Awards for SNOTY and SNATY	\$127.20

Total Expenses April, 2007:

\$2,443.74

Checking Account Balance April 30, 2007:

\$46,903.01

US Bank – Investment CD = \$5,290.63

Total ISNO Assets April 30, 2007

\$52,193.64

***CD #3-964-0095-3974 matured on 9/9/05 – balance at maturity = \$5,290.63 – renewed for another 25 months and next maturity date will be 10/9/08. Contact US Bank 24-Hour Banking for questions – 1-800-872-2657.

Standardized Forms

Imagine that? Wouldn't it be amazing if all nurses in Iowa used the same forms and practiced in a similar manner? While we are never all going to practice the same, as each school nurse, school district and even individual school has its unique characteristics, we can sure start using statewide forms. Efforts have been started in creating a statewide IHP and ISNO is partnering with Iowa Department of Public Health and the Department of Education to establish an Iowa School Health Manual. Please look for these to come in the near future. But right now, we are looking for some nurses that would be interested in standardizing forms and could help collect and look at various forms out there. This would assist the partnership of ISNO and the Department of Education to coordinate school health care in Iowa. Contact Trish if you are interested: trishcrpc@msn.com

Introducing Twyla Kleen-

ISNO's Special Education Resource Nurse...

Twyla Kleen RN BBA C CRRN CDDN is one of ISNO's newest additions and benefits for ISNO members. Twyla's background is as follows:



In 1999 she was awarded the National Case Manager Award and in 1993 she was awarded the National Staff Nurse Award. Twyla has worked the last 8 years as a Special Ed nurse and an oral motor development specialist. One of the years she worked for the AEA and then she became part of the Storm Lake school nurse team. She has worked as a rehab nurse and case manager, started an incontinence clinic and a senior wellness program, wrote grants, and served as a staff development coordinator. Twyla teaches at 2 local colleges----swallowing problems and fine motor activities, menopause and women, and a rehab class for nurses and staff. Disabilities are near and dear to her heart as her husband is a c-6 quad since 1987. I had the pleasure of meeting Twyla at our most recent board meeting and have to say Twyla is an amazing woman. I think you will find that she could be an incredible resource for school nurses. Please contact Twyla with any questions. tkleen@slcsd.org

Giving Back to Our Members - \$\$\$\$

You may or may not know but ISNO has money to give back to ISNO members for various projects, education and legislative efforts.

Research/Project Grants: ISNO has up to \$500/year to be given away for a research project or some other project that you are doing in your schools. Look for the application process to be posted on the web page as soon as we get things in order.

Professional Advancement Grant: ISNO has one \$250 grant to be awarded for someone that is advancing their professionalism through CEU's, higher education or national certification. Again look for the application process to be posted on the web page.

Legislative Grant: ISNO would like to encourage our members to go to Des Moines to lobby or do other legislative efforts. We realize that many of your schools will not let you leave for a day to do this, so ISNO will pay for a sub for you for the day, so you can help advocate for school health. We have \$500 set aside and these will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. Please contact the president if you are interested in doing this. trishcrpc@msn.com



ISNO wants to say a big Thank You to...

Nancy Spalj for two outstanding years as NASN Director!

Deb Brown for serving as CEU Chair!

Outreach Committee Report

~Sandy Wells RN, BSN, NCSN (AEA 8)

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The Regional Leaders for ISNO coordinated an ICN class on March 6, 2007, that was presented by Sharon Yearous (past ISNO President) on Mental Health: Strategies for School Success. It was very successful with 167 participants attending. The Regional Leaders are hoping to offer more ICN classes in the future to share important information with all school nurses in the state of Iowa.

The Regional Leaders will continue to send information to all school nurses in their area via email. If you are not receiving correspondence from your Regional Leader, please contact her immediately at the above email.

The Regional Leaders goals for 07-08 are:

1. Complete an Excel Spreadsheet with current school nurse contact information for each Region or AEA by Nov. 1, 2007 and to share it with the Iowa School Nurse Organization, National Association of School Nurses, Iowa Department of Public Health and the Department of Education. (This will be an ongoing goal.)
2. Coordinate one face-to-face continuing education program in their area.

ISNO wants to get to know YOU!!!

We really want to support and celebrate you. Please e-mail Trisha Swartzendruber at trishcrpc@msn.com with any big news (good or bad) happening in your life.

“GAMES”

That Can Cost a Life

Some of us remember “playing games” with our friends during childhood that involved getting a “head rush” from almost losing consciousness. This came from squeezing our friend until they almost “blacked out.” While these activities were always risky, they seldom resulted in serious injury or death. Today, however, some kids are playing these “games” in a much riskier way and are dying from them.

Here’s some information to know:

- These “games” are known by different names, including “Space Monkey,” “Space Cowboy,” and “Rising Sun” among others.
- Some kids begin to play these “games” as early as ages 10 or 11.
- Some kids use dog collars, leashes, or similar items to choke themselves.
- Some kids play these “games” when they are alone.

Talk to children and teens by telling them:

- “Blacking out” is from a lack of oxygen going to the brain. This can kill or cause permanent brain damage.
- Asphyxiation “games” are always dangerous.
- Never let anyone put a dog collar, leash, rope, or similar item around your neck.
- Never play these “games.” It is especially dangerous when you are alone.
- Talk to a responsible adult if you know anyone who is playing these “games.”

Talk to other parents and school personnel if you hear that kids in your community are playing these “games.” Educate yourself and then the kids on how to keep them from hurting themselves.

Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth, Injury Prevention Center, NH Department of Health & Human Services,
NH Pediatric Society and NH Safe Kids Coalition

FYI...

The 3rd edition (2007) of **Emergency Guidelines for Schools** is now available at this web site: <http://www.schoolhealth.org/content/Emergency%20Guidelines%20for%20Schools%202007.pdf>. This manual is specific to Ohio, although the first aid procedures should be standard. ISNO has attempted to develop a similar Emergency Guide for School by partnering with the Iowa Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. ISNO will continue to work on this project and will let you know when available.

Membership Committee Report

~Jodie Sample RN, BSN & Marilyn Knauss RN

Mission....Possible!:

The school year is winding down and many of us are looking ahead to next year. A new school year is a fresh start for many of us. You may be thinking about some changes you would like to make for next year also.... Well, let me give you something else to think about- Joining ISNO!! Our membership is now **189 members strong** and continues to grow every month! This is an indication of the leadership we have in school nursing across the state of Iowa. Many of you have realized the value of belonging to ISNO- the subscription to the *Journal of School Nursing*, the dual membership with NASN, and reduced conference registration fees. But, the most important benefit is being part of a statewide network of school nurses. Being a part of ISNO gives you the opportunity to network and brainstorm with other nurses who have probably faced the same challenges and successes throughout their careers. So, we have a mission for you- go out this summer and recruit as many of your fellow school nurses as you can and tell them about ISNO! Tell them to check out ISNO's website for membership info and benefits. Our impact in the lives of students across the state of Iowa will only continue to grow if we continue to stand together as a profession. If you (or your new recruits) ever have a question or concern, please let us know.

Have a wonderful summer!

Marilyn Knauss, RN (mknauss@cbcsd.org)
Jodie Sample, RN (jsample@waukee.k12.ia.us)
Membership Committee Co-chairs

Girls at Risk for Increased Health Problems Compared to Boys

New research suggests that adolescent girls may be at increasing risk for several physical and psychological health problems. The analysis by Medco Health Solutions, Inc. finds a significant increase in the number of girls ages 10 to 19 taking prescription drugs including medications to treat diabetes, sleep aids, anti-psychotics and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), far outpacing the growth seen among their male counterparts. According to the data, the number of girls ages 10 to 19 on diabetes medications in total grew nearly 59 percent from 2001 to 2006 as compared to boys whose use increased by only 14 percent.

However, the increase in type 2 diabetes medication use has risen a dramatic 167 percent in girls ages 10 to 19 and only 33 percent in boys the same age. There are now three and half times more girls than boys on drug therapy for type 2 diabetes, whether for treatment of type 2 diabetes or obesity related conditions. "This analysis raises concerns and questions about the health of adolescents in America, and particularly girls," said Dr. Robert Epstein, Medco's chief medical officer. "While this may be evidence that more girls are for the first time being appropriately diagnosed and treated, it also raises red flags about the physical and psychological problems afflicting this population." For more information on this research, please visit <http://medco.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=43&item=257>.

Legislative Report- How A Bill Becomes a Law

~Barb Allen RN, BSN, NCSN

On April 26, 2007 Governor Culver signed into law the Education bill, SF 277. The Iowa School Nurse Organization, Iowa Nurses Association and Iowa State Education Association worked collaboratively to include two specific sections to that bill that addressed school health and school nurses.

Section 4, subsection 9B states that *beginning July 1, 2007, each school district shall have a school nurse to provide health services to its students. Each school district shall work toward the goal of having one school nurse for every 750 students enrolled.*

In order to include school nurses in the Teacher Quality funding, the legislature defined “teacher” as meaning *an individual who holds a practitioner’s license issued under chapter 272 or a statement of professional recognition issued under chapter 272.*

It seems like such a simple statement yet; do very many of us actually know what it takes for something like this to happen?

Since the first Teacher Quality law passed in 2002, ISNO has been working very hard to get school nurses included in this funding. A representative of ISNO served on a study committee, which ultimately recommended that school nurses should be included under circumstances to be determined by the legislature and Dept. of Education.

In 2006, two representatives of ISNO served on the Health Children Task Force. Out of this task force came a recommendation to legislature that every school district in Iowa should have a professional registered school nurse at a ratio of 1:750 students.

How did these two great ideas end up becoming the law? That is a story in itself!

Taking two great ideas to the legislature does not mean those great ideas will end up looking anything like they started.

We began the process with the Department of Education resisting both ideas strenuously, as many legislators not supporting our ideas, as there were supporters. To make an idea become a law, it takes compromise, compromise and more compromise. In the end, and with the help of the Iowa Nurse’s Association and the Iowa State Education Association, we were able to reach a compromise somewhere between the agencies and legislators who did like our ideas and those who did not. The end result may not be one that makes everyone happy, but I think we have accomplished much. We have become one of the few states that actually require school districts to hire professional school nurses and we have become one of the few non-teaching professional groups who have been acknowledged as equals to teachers.

It has been an exhausting journey. Thanks to all of the school nurses who were visible and verbal to your legislators.

Barb Allen
ISNO Legislative Chair

ISNO Spring Board Meeting Report

~Debra Brown RN & Deb Johnson RN, BSN

Date April 11, 2007
Meeting ISNO Board of Directors Spring Meeting

Follow-up from prior meeting

- Sponsored Statewide ICN offering March 6, 2007 entitled “Mental Health Strategies for School Success” presented by Sharon Yearous. Records are not yet completed. It was very successful with 178 participants and 148 CEU certificates awarded.
- IBON has been notified of new CEU chair.
- Continuing education packets for regional leaders have been updated.
- Tami Leavens is obtaining a banner with ISNO logo to place at registration table at offerings.

Current Issues

- Upcoming program on Seizure Management that NASA and ISNO are offering on June 12, 2007. It will be offered in Des Moines area, but with free ICN time, we can offer it to all of our state outreach areas.
- Completing Spring Conference Records including suggestions for future offerings

Long-term Goals

- All CE forms to electronic format
- CE policies and forms to website
- Write an article for the newsletter offering CEU possibilities for offerings members may be planning.

ISNO Mission Statement

“The Iowa School Nurse Organization supports school nurses in the delivery of health services designed to improve the health and academic success of children.”

Schools now able to access immunization records!



The Department's Immunization Program has made school enrollment easier. A view-only version of the **Immunization Registry Information System - Certificate Search (IRIS-CS)**, is now available. IRIS-CS allows Iowa school personnel to search, view and print the Certificate of Immunization. The registry houses consolidated immunization information from health care providers into one reliable source. IRIS-CS will provide schools with required immunization information without added work on behalf of school personnel, parents, and health care providers.

Vicki Porter, a school nurse at Newton Community School District, said they are thrilled to have this program. She said the school system is excited to have the ability to find students' certificates of immunization, and are happy to have this program in their school.

In May, all school superintendents received a letter from the Immunization Program with a New User Request Form and computer requirements. Any interested schools can complete and return the form to the IDPH Immunization Program. IDPH staff will enroll and assist schools with the IRIS-CS installation process. To download the form, visit the IRIS Web site at:

www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/immunization_programs.asp#iris. Computer requirements for IRIS-CS are also found on this Web site. If you have questions, please call the IRIS Help Desk at 1-800-374-3958

Legislation Introduced to Help Children Receive Mental Health Services They Need: Mental Health In Schools Act of 2007

On May 8, 2007, Senators Edward Kennedy, Pete Domenici, and Chris Dodd introduced bipartisan legislation to provide more and better opportunities for our nation's public school children to get the mental health services they may need. One in five children have a diagnosable mental disorder, yet 75% of children in need of mental health services do not receive them. The Mental Health In Schools Act of 2007 gives competitive grants to local education agencies in order to assist them in providing comprehensive school-based mental health programs for students in K- 12. "The need for these services has never been greater. The tragic events at Columbine, Nickel Mines, and Virginia Tech underscore the fact that when left untreated, childhood mental disorders can lead to academic failure, family conflicts, substance abuse, violence, and suicide." Senator Kennedy said. "Comprehensive school mental health program should be designed for all students. They should obviously include both identification and referral of specific individuals for treatment, but they should also include programs and services that promote positive mental health and prevent mental health problems for a broader population of students. For more information, please visit <http://dodd.senate.gov/index.php?q=node/3872>.

Resources for School Related Violence or Tragedies from UCLA's Center for Mental Health in Schools

Clearly, the tragedy at Virginia Tech is raising many issues. All the media, personal, and professional discussions are causing many to reflect and hopefully plan for the future. One immediate focus naturally is on the grief of those who lost friends and relatives. All indications are that support will be provided for those immediately involved and for others on campus and in the immediate community.

It also seems clear that most of those who have responsibility for schools and students across the country will take another look at their own crisis plans and how they watch for students whose problems need to be addressed. It is important to do all this as proactively as possible and with great concern for the well-being and rights of all involved.

Here are some examples.

- After every school shooting, we are asked about how schools should assess students who may be a threat. For a brief info resource on **ASSESSING WHETHER A STUDENT MIGHT COMMIT A VIOLENT ACT** - see <http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/shootings.pdf>
- As aids in moving forward, those concerned about crisis response, safety of others, and resources for connecting with at risk students may find some of our Online Clearinghouse Quick Finds useful. See, for instance:

>Crisis Prevention and Response - http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/qf/p2107_01.htm

>Depression - <http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/qf/depression.htm>

>Grief and Bereavement - http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/qf/p3003_01.htm

>Post-traumatic Stress - <http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/qf/ptsd.htm>

>Prevention for Students at Risk - <http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/qf/prevention.html>

>Safe Schools and Violence Prevention - http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/qf/p2108_03.htm

>Threat Assessment: Resources and Cautions -

<http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/qf/threatassessment.html>

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