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3:25–3:45 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSION VII
A. **The Utilization of the STOP-BANG Tool and its Impact on Nurses’ Readiness for Weight Management in the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit; Amy Shofner, BSN, RN; Kathy O’Nan, DNP, RN-BC; and Hope Weaver, BSN, RN, Methodist Hospital.
B. **Spiritual Care in Nursing; Charlotte Conover, MSN, RN, FCN, ONE, University of Southern Indiana.
C. **Electronic Health Record Downtime Preparedness: A Critical Issue; Kelli Routh, MSN, RN-BC; USI DNP Capstone Project.
D. **Curriculum for Staff Nurses to Learn the Art of Clinical Education on a DUU, Susan Seibert, MSN, RN, USI DNP Capstone Project.

4:20–4:30 p.m. CLOSING AND EVALUATION