CALL FOR LATE-BREAKING ABSTRACTS

International Council of Nurses 2021 Congress

NURSING AROUND THE WORLD

The virtual meeting place of the world’s nurses

ICN Congress
Nursing Around the World
2-4 November 2021
The Scientific Committee of the International Council of Nurses 2021 Congress invites you to submit a late-breaking abstract for concurrent or e-poster presentation at the ICN Congress to be held 2-4 November 2021. ICN is committed to bringing together nurses and health experts from around the world to exchange information and ideas about the latest research, share experiences and showcase innovations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The ICN 2021 Congress provides outstanding opportunities for nursing professionals at all stages in their career for continuing education and development.

Late-breaking abstracts should present data that are high impact, groundbreaking, innovative, and newsworthy. We hope that this will allow the most recent findings and developments to be included in the ICN Congress programme.

**KEY DATES**

- **28 June 2021** Late breaking submissions open
- **16 July 2021** Late breaking submissions close
- **End of August 2021** Late breaking submission results announced
- **10 September 2021** Accepted abstracts presenters must register by 10 September 2021. Accepted abstracts will be eliminated from the programme after this date if registration and fee payment have not been received.
- **2 November 2021** ICN 2021 Congress opens

**ABSTRACTS ELIGIBLE FOR LATE-BREAKING SUBMISSION**

- The late-breaking abstract submission is not an extension of the original abstract submission process. The late breaking abstract should contain new information that was not yet known or fully available by the original abstract submission deadline (11 March 2021).
- A late-breaking abstract may not be a revision of an abstract submitted in the original submission process.
- Late-breaking abstracts must not have been presented, accepted for presentation, or published at any other scientific meeting or journal at the time of submission.

**Important:**

- Abstracts that do not meet the above criteria will not be reviewed
- Presenters and session organisers MUST register for ICN 2021 to confirm attendance. Presenters/session organisers who have not registered by this date will have their abstracts removed from the programme.

The International Council of Nurses 2021 Congress will be taking you on a journey of “Nursing Around the World”. This is a unique continual virtual congress with a traveling hub that moves across the globe over a three-day period from 2-4 November 2021. Using the theme “Nursing Around the World”, we will pass the nursing baton across different regions in a series of live and interactive events that will give our National Nursing Associations the opportunity to showcase their expertise and innovations throughout the world.

The Congress is framed around lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and the way forward. Nurses are at the centre of efforts to prevent, contain and manage this health emergency. We will look ahead to the future of healthcare and post-COVID-19 planning. The Virtual Congress will explore and discuss the state of the profession and other challenging conditions nurses often face. The event will also highlight the importance of unity, solidarity and collaboration in the time of the pandemic.

Please read the sub-theme explanations below carefully to determine the best category within which to submit your abstract.

**SUB-THEMES**

**SUB-THEME 1  Nursing Leadership**

2020 was the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife and highlighted that experienced nurse leaders are needed in the right places to help nursing deliver its potential and ensure that the distinctive nursing perspective is included in policymaking and decision making. Leadership is a fundamental part of effective nursing care and in advancing the nursing profession to meet current and future needs of the population, health systems and nurses. In this sub-theme, we are looking for projects,
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- Nurses’ experiences
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- Policy recommendations for preparedness and responses in epidemics/pandemics

**SUB-THEME 2: Epidemics and Pandemics: Nurses’ Experiences, Responses and Policy Recommendations**

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**SUB-THEME 3: Nursing Regulation and Education**

Nursing regulation is one of the three pillars of ICN’s strategic development, and education is a core element of regulation and continuing professional development. ICN continues to promote the well-being of the public by defining nursing practice, improving nursing education, and overseeing the competence of nurses through licensing and disciplinary rules and regulations. In this sub-theme, we aim to bring together leaders and experts in nursing regulation and education from around the world to share insights and determine actions. Practical and innovative solutions will be explored to address the learning needs of students and post-registration nurses.

Key areas of interest include:

- Nursing and healthcare ethics
- Challenges and solutions to regulatory systems
- Regulatory standards and competency development
- Continuing professional development and lifelong learning
- Competence-based education and innovative education strategies
- Evolving roles of nursing and scope of practice

**SUB-THEME 4: Quality and Safety**

Patient safety is the cornerstone of high-quality healthcare. Nurses are patient safety critical, whether it be prevention and identifying risks, ensuring safe clinical practice or surveillance of health systems and raising concerns. This sub-theme will focus on comprehensive safety culture including both patient care-related and occupational aspects. Strategies to reduce workplace safety risks and hazards in these areas will be discussed.

Key areas of interest include:

- Safety of healthcare delivery
- Safe staffing and risk reduction
- Person-centred care
- Quality and nursing excellence models and interventions
- Nursing working conditions and well-being

**SUB-THEME 5: Nursing Care and Advanced Practice Nursing**

As the population’s health and healthcare needs change, so too have the roles and responsibilities of nurses. The challenge that is set before us is to continue to evolve the profession to deliver consistent and high-quality care, responsive to population health needs. Sessions in this sub-theme will provide opportunities to share and exchange knowledge and expertise and discuss what’s new in our practice.

Key areas of interest include:

- Nurse prescribing challenges and solutions
- Innovations in nursing practices
- Health promotion and education
- Community and primary health care
- Advanced Practice Nursing

**SUB-THEME 6: Nursing Workforce**

Leading labour market analysts predict significant shortages in the supply of healthcare workers globally. The global shortage of healthcare workers will have serious implications for healthcare and for the health of billions of people across the world. Under this sub-theme, we are looking for research, projects and practical solutions to address human resources for health issues.

Key areas of interest include:

- Recruitment, retention and a sustainable workforce
- Investment in the nursing workforce and cost effectiveness
- Student and novice nurses and career development
- Nurse migration and mobility
- Workforce culture and diversity

**SUB-THEME 7: Global Health Challenges**

There are major global health challenges to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These include, but are not limited to, universal health coverage; mental health and well-being; refugee, displaced population and migrant health; infectious diseases; immunisation; disasters; and justice-related issues (e.g. human trafficking). This sub-theme highlights the role of nurses in these vital areas.

Key areas of interest include:

- Health equities and access to healthcare
- Climate change and health
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Disaster preparedness and response
- Non-communicable diseases — please provide additional information about the focus in this area (e.g. cancer, cardiovascular disease, mental health, etc.)
- Ageing and health

**SUB-THEME 8: Digital Health and Innovation**

Digital Health can benefit patients, healthcare professionals, health organisations and public authorities. Digital Health — when applied effectively — delivers more personalised ‘citizen-centric’ healthcare, which is more targeted, effective and efficient and helps reduce errors, as well as the length of hospitalisation. Nursing now and in the future relies on the availability of meaningful data and new technologies, such as artificial intelligence, to support personalised nursing care and improve
health. This sub-theme explores the digital transformation, outlining digital technologies in use in all of the domains of nursing.

Key areas of interest include:
- Emerging technologies and the impact on patient care
- Decision support tools and digital health enabling technologies
- Data and information management
- Cost-effectiveness measurement
- Digital and virtual healthcare (including mobile and telehealth)
- Role of nurses in digital health, including mobile health apps

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS**

1. The abstract text must be no more than 2,500 characters (about 250 words not including title and authors’ information) and should highlight the main points the presenter/s wish to communicate. If your abstract exceeds this length, it will not be saved.

2. Abstracts are to be submitted via the internet (only) using the following link: icncongress2021.org

3. The abstract can be submitted in ONLY ONE of the following presentation preference types:
   - **Concurrent session:** A 10-minute pre-recorded video presentation grouped by theme.
   - **E-Poster:** A digital presentation of research with an academic or professional focus by an individual or representatives of research teams for display. (In addition to the poster submission, there is an option to also include a 3 minute audio file)

The ICN 2021 Scientific Committee reserve the right to reclassify submitted abstracts into the most appropriate presentation type.

4. Abstracts can be submitted in English, French or Spanish. No other language will be accepted and will be deleted immediately after the submission system closes.

5. Only fully completed presenter profiles and abstract submissions (marked as final) will be reviewed (please make sure to submit all “Draft” abstracts before the deadline!).

6. A person who is not a member of an ICN member organisation may only submit an abstract as a joint author/presenter with a person who is member of an ICN member organisation.

7. A maximum of six co-authors may submit a joint abstract.

8. Applicants will be notified in August 2021 if their abstract has been accepted.

9. Those whose abstracts are accepted must register for the Congress by midnight CET, 10 September 2021. Accepted abstracts will be eliminated from the programme after this date if registration and fee payment have not been received.

10. All decisions on abstract acceptance are final. Once the decision has been rendered on an abstract, no further correspondence will be undertaken on the selection process.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!
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