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The International Council of Nurses (ICN) supports the Policy on Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases in Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults policy for the Americas. ICN acknowledges the increase in NCDs worldwide, and the increasing need to preventing those NCDs through strong health throughout childhood, adolescents and young adulthood. ICN strongly supports the need to address these interventions through community based, school based and peer based interventions, and reminds the delegates of the importance of nursing in all of these places. Investing in the nursing workforce is critical to effective interventions to addressing NCDs throughout the lifespan.

It is of utmost importance to advocate for, expand upon, and allocate resources to empower nurses to take the lead in the management of NCDs, alongside advancing nursing education and career pathways. Nurses play a pivotal role in delivering hands-on, patient-centric care and contribute significantly to research and innovative care delivery methods. Given that nurses comprise the world's largest healthcare workforce, it is imperative to involve them in leadership and strategic planning for NCD-related initiatives and to heed the insights and innovations of nursing experts. When it comes to integrating novel patient-centric care models for NCD prevention and management, listening to nurses is crucial. Investing in nursing solutions not only alleviates the strain on healthcare systems but also leads to improved health and well-being for individuals across the globe.