Global Health and the Nursing Agenda

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• Federation of over 130 national nurses associations (NNAs)
• The voice of the more than 20 million nurses worldwide.
• Founded in 1899; 1st NGO recognised by WHO
• First and widest reaching international organisation for health professionals

Enhancing the health of individuals, populations and societies by:
• championing the contribution and image of nurses worldwide
• advocating for nurses at all levels
• advancing the nursing profession
• influencing health, social, economic and education policy
MISSION
To represent nursing worldwide, advancing the profession and influencing health policy.

VISION
ICN Pillars
- Represent the voice of nurses from around the world
- Influence health, social & economic policy through the sharing of evidence and best practice
- Envision a world where human rights are respected and protected
- Work in partnership & collaboration to advance the profession
- Seek to improve the wellbeing of nurses and the health of populations

ICN Pillars
- Professional Practice
- Regulation
- Socio-Economic Welfare
On-demand access to healthcare.

Higher expectations by our patients and employers.

Stronger focus on patient experience.

New technologies and new treatments means a difference way of providing care.
What is global health?

- Low and middle income countries
- Health issues between countries
- Determinants of health
- Trans-boundary
- Civil society organizations
- Philanthropic organizations
- Political science
- Economics
- Law
- Multi-disciplinary
- The world’s population
- Strictly clinical medicine & public health

International
Global Health Challenges

- Outbreaks
  - HIV/AIDS, TB & Malaria
  - Ebola, MERS
  - Bird & Swine Flu
  - Malnutrition
  - Hepatitis

- Antimicrobial Resistance

- NCDS

- Ageing Populations

- Climate Change
Global Healthcare Challenges

Access to health services and essential medicines

People-centred

Reliable information

Affordable care

Quality and safe services

Global challenges in health care
Integrating Nursing into the global health agenda

Our positions are used to inform the global health agenda. Recent examples include:

- NCD’s
- Patient safety
- Primary Health Care
- Human Rights
- Safe staffing

**Phase 1**
Research, Diagnostic & Option Identification

**Phase 2**
Assessment of options

**Phase 3**
Engage, define, draft and refine

**Phase 4**
ICN position

External Inputs:
- Research
- Industry Trends
- Data and analytics

Internal Inputs:
- Membership
- Collaboratives
- Front line nurses
- National Nursing Associations

- Research analysis
- Data Analysis
- Expert opinion
- Consultation outside of the profession

Rejected Options

Define problem, positions, coalitions and governance

Draft Position

Consult with members

Finalise ICN opinion and communicate

Consult with members
Developing Strategic Priorities

Global Health Priorities

- SDGs
- UHC
- Disasters
- HRH

ICN Strategic Priorities

- 01 Universal Health Coverage
- 02 Person Centred Care
- 03 Antimicrobial Resistance
- 04 Human Resources for Health
- 05 Mental Health
- 06 Ageing
- 07 Non-communicable Diseases
- 08 Sustainable Development Goals

INTEGRATED & PEOPLE CENTRED

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH RISKS

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES
PHC is the road to UHC

“The Right of Every Individual to Basic Health Services Is My Top Priority”
(Dr. Tedros, 2017)
Director-General of World Health Organization
What is access to quality care?

**Equitable**
Providing care that does not vary in quality on account of gender, ethnicity, geographic location, and socio-economic status

**Effective**
Providing evidence-based healthcare services to those who need them

**Integrated**
Providing care that makes available the full range of health services throughout the life course

**People-centred**
Providing care that responds to individual preferences, needs and values

**Safe**
Avoiding injuries to people for whom the care is intended

**Timely**
Reducing waiting times and sometimes harmful delays

**Efficient:**
Maximizing the benefit of available resources and avoidable waste
Universal Health Coverage: Moving Together to Build a Healthier World

September 23, 2019

SDG mid-point
The not so good news about nursing

01 There is a maldistribution of nurses

02 Global shortage of nurses

03 Safe staffing levels

04 Workforce supply and retention

05 Lack of consistency
Good news about nursing

Promoting development

Most trusted profession

In high demand

Increasing educational attainment

Largest health profession

Good news stories
The way forward

The value add of nursing roles...

01 Person Centred Care
- Improved hospital experience for patients
- Improved patient involvement in care
- Improved health literacy

02 Workforce
- Better work environments
- More highly educated workforce
- Higher staff satisfaction
- Decreased staff turnover

Improved health and health services

03 Value
- Better quality care at lower cost
- Improved financial performance of an organisation

04 Quality & safety
- Improved patient safety
  ✓ Lower failure to rescue
  ✓ Lower odds of mortality
- Improved quality measures

(Flynn et al., 2010; Stimpfel et al., 2016)

(Forster, 2005; Francis, 2013; Garling, 2008; Flynn et al., 2010; Kelly et al., 2011; Stimpfel et al., 2014; Stimpfel, Sloane, McHugh, & Aiken, 2016)

(Needleman & Hassmiller, 2009; Goetz, Janney, & Ramsey, 2011)

(Kelly, McHugh, & Aiken, 2011; Brodaty et al., 2014; Jeon, Glasgow, Merlyn, & Sansoni, 2010; Stimpfel, Rosen, & McHugh, 2014; Flynn, Liang, Dickson, & Aiken, 2010; Twigg & McCullough, 2014).
ICN Policy Development

01 Disaster Nursing Competencies
02 Advanced Practice Nursing
03 Code of Ethics
04 ICNP Products
05 WHO Collaboration Plan 2019 - 2021
06 New position statements
1. ICN’s Global Impact

Inform and influence the design and implementation of health, social, educational and economic policies at a global and regional level to promote health for all.
2. Membership Empowerment

Strengthen National Nursing Associations (NNAs) across the three pillars of ICN to enable them to address key challenges at regional and national levels.
3. Strategic Leadership

Provide strategic leadership to advance the nursing profession to meet current and future needs of the population, health systems (including health and social care) and nurses
4. Innovative Growth

Identify, secure and diversify business and revenue generating opportunities, consistent with our values, to attain ICN goals.
Making the nursing voice heard
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The Global Voice of Health
2020 Year of the Nurse and Midwife

#Nurses2020
ICN POSITION STATEMENTS

31 position statements under review

8 published:
- Evidence-based safe nurse staffing
- Nurses and climate change
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Occupational health and safety
- Prevention & management of workplace safety
- Health services for MRDPs
- Substandard and falsified medical products
- Nurses and disaster risk prevention and reduction

4 Drafts:
- Nurses and disaster risk prevention and reduction
- International career mobility & ethical nurse recruitment
- Nurses and primary healthcare
- Quality and patient safety

Over the next 12 months

- Human Rights
- Nursing care of the older person
- Mental health
- Immunization
- Nursing and healthcare in conflict
- Women’s health
- Gender Equality

Over the next 18 months

- Tobacco use and health
- International trade agreements
- The care and treatment of individual with developmental/intellectual disabilities
- Elimination of female genital mutilation
- Non-discrimination (new)
- Assistive or support nursing personnel (Support worker)
- Breastfeeding
Sharing nursing’s voice from around the world

Nurses:
A Voice to Lead
Health for All
Get involved

Across the globe, we are seeing extraordinary examples of people driving change through social movements. Whether it is marginalised groups fighting for their rights, people dedicating their time and resources to issues that matter to them, or local communities coming together to support each other - people in social movements are changing the world.

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How can you be a voice to lead?

As a profession

As an individual

As a member of a multidisciplinary team