



ICN Congress

Nursing Around the World

2-4 November 2021

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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The Scientific Committee of the **International Council of Nurses 2021 Congress** is delighted to invite you to submit an abstract for **concurrent or E-Poster Presentation**.

In partnership with the Emirates Nursing Association, ICN 2021 will bring together thousands of participants from around the world to hear expert, high-profile speakers present on the latest, cutting-edge research and theories of relevance to the nursing profession and healthcare across the globe.

We look forward to receiving your abstract.



KEY DATES

15 January 2021	Online submission of abstracts opens
15 January 2021	Online registration opens
11 March 2021	Online submission of abstracts closes
May 2021	Applicants notified of acceptance
9 June 2021	Deadline for registration of abstract presenters*
9 June 2021	Early bird registration deadline ends
2 November 2021	International Council of Nurses 2021 Congress opens

*Presenters and session organisers **MUST** register for ICN 2021 by the above date to confirm attendance. Presenters/session organisers who have not registered by this date will have their abstracts removed from the programme.

PLEASE NOTE: Presenters have the option to edit papers previously submitted in 2020. If no edit is needed, the abstract will automatically be accepted for evaluation.



THEME: NURSING AROUND THE WORLD

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, experiences or research that demonstrate the impact and importance of nurse leaders at all levels, from setting the direction at the global level to driving change in frontline clinical care.

Key areas of interest include:

- Clinical leadership
- Policy leadership
- Research leadership
- Education leadership
- Administrative leadership

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

The evolving outbreak of COVID-19 disease has demonstrated the devastating effects of infectious diseases on the world. With millions of infections and lives lost, and billions lost economically, epidemics and pandemics pose the greatest risks to global health and the economy. This topic explores the vital role of nurses in preventing, managing, controlling, responding and recovering in times of crisis.

Key areas of interest include:

- Nurses' experiences
- Lessons learned from the pandemics and outbreaks
- Supply and availability of appropriate and quality products/resources, such as personal protective equipment (PPE), in epidemics and pandemics
- Policy recommendations for preparedness and responses in epidemics/pandemics

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. (There is the potential for a 60 seconds audio file to be attached with the E-Poster)

The ICN 2021 Scientific Committee reserve the right to reclassify submitted abstracts into the most appropriate presentation type.
4. Abstract-based symposia will be accepted by invitation only.
5. 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.
6. 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!).

7. 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.
8. A maximum of six co-authors may submit a joint abstract.
9. Applicants will be notified in **May 2021** if their abstract has been accepted.
10. Those whose abstracts are accepted must register for the Congress by midnight CET, **9 June 2021**. Accepted abstracts will be eliminated from the programme after this date if registration and fee payment have not been received.
11. 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.



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