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Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, and mental health

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The International Council of Nurses (ICN) supports the need to focus on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) to address the changing health needs of populations around the world.

It is critical to introduce, expand on and fund nurse-led care, nursing education and career pathways to enable nurses to develop their roles in the care management of NCDs. Nurses provide hands-on, person-centred care as well as research and innovation in care delivery models. As the largest health workforce globally, it is critical to include nurses in leadership and planning for efforts related to NCDs and prevention, and listen to nursing experts and innovators when it comes to incorporating new models of people-centred care to prevent and control NCDs. Investing in nursing solutions will reduce the pressures on health systems as well as result in better health and well-being for people worldwide.