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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES 2021**  
**Congress and Exhibition**  
*Nursing the World Together*



The Scientific Committee of the **International Council of Nurses 2021 Congress and Exhibition** is delighted to invite you to submit an abstract for **Oral and Poster Presentation**.

Hosted by the Emirates Nursing Association, ICN 2021 will bring together over 5,000 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

<b>1 June 2020</b>	Online submission of abstracts opens
<b>31 July 2020</b>	Online submission of abstracts closes
<b>October 2020</b>	Applicants notified of acceptance
<b>1 October 2020</b>	Online registration opens
<b>12 February 2021</b>	Deadline for registration of abstract presenters*
<b>12 February 2021</b>	Early bird registration deadline ends
<b>5 June 2021</b>	ICN 2021 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.

NOTE: Please note that abstract presenters must cover their own expenses, including registration, housing, etc.

## THEME: **NURSING THE WORLD TOGETHER**

The ICN 2021 Congress and Exhibition will have the overarching theme “Nursing the World Together”. This theme builds on the theme of International Nurses Day 2020, “Nursing the World to Health” and combines it with the ICN President’s watchword “Together”.

2020 is a time to celebrate the work of nurses and midwives internationally, highlight the challenging conditions they often face, and advocate for increased investments in the nursing and midwifery workforce. While the world is focusing on the global pandemic COVID-19, the convergence of these two events should not be lost on us. The importance of the nursing workforce

in this time of need cannot be overstated. Nurses are at the centre of efforts to prevent, contain and manage this health emergency.

The ICN 2021 Congress and Exhibition will build on the vital contribution of nurses in the battle for health and well-being across the entire world. We recognise that no country can do this alone: we must do this together.

**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 is the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife and highlights 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 policy-making 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**

2020 has shown the devastating effects of infectious diseases on the world. With hundreds of thousands of infections, countless 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 of challenges during the time of COVID-19
- Lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Other infectious disease 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. This sub-theme is 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).**  
The link will go live on 1 June 2020 on [www.icncongress2021.org](http://www.icncongress2021.org)
3. The abstract can be submitted in **ONLY ONE** of the following presentation preference types:
  - **Concurrent session:** A 10-minute presentation grouped by theme
  - **Poster:** A visual presentation of research with an academic or professional focus by an individual or representatives of research teams for display on a poster board
  - **ePoster:** A digital presentation of research with an academic or professional focus by an individual or representatives of research teams to display on a screenThe ICN 2021 Scientific Committee reserves 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. Abstracts that have previously been published or presented will not be accepted.
8. 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.
9. A maximum of six co-authors may submit a joint abstract.
10. Applicants will be notified in **October 2020** if their abstract has been accepted.
11. Those whose abstracts are accepted must register for the Congress by midnight CET, **12 February 2021**. Accepted abstracts will be eliminated from the programme after this date if registration and fee payment have not been received.
12. 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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