



6th NATIONAL GENERAL PRACTICE NURSE CONFERENCE

25 - 27 NOVEMBER 2008

PACIFIC BAY RESORT, COFFS HARBOUR, NSW

GENERAL
PRACTICE
NURSE

INVITATION TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS



QUALITY AND EXCELLENCE:
Nursing Leadership in General Practice

DEAR COLLEAGUES

Primary health care is high on the global agenda this year. The International Council of Nurses (ICN) is celebrating nursing's leadership and advocating for greater nursing involvement in primary health care. The title of the 6th National General Practice Nurse Conference is derived from this year's ICN theme "Delivering quality, serving communities: Nurses leading Primary Health Care". Nursing leadership within general practice must support the major shift towards, and emphasis currently on, primary health care.

Quality and Excellence: Nursing Leadership in General Practice is the title of the 2008 Royal College of Nursing, *Australia* 6th National General Practice Nurse Conference.

The conference will have a range of plenary and concurrent sessions, poster presentations, and a panel forum. Following the success at previous conferences, the program will once again include 'Stories from the Frontline', a session where general practice nurses and general practice teams will share their practice experiences. Conference presentations will focus on how quality and excellence is maintained in primary health care through general practice nursing leadership.

Contributions to the conference should focus on practice, education, research or policy and relate to one of the following topics:

Population Health

Development of General Practice Nurse Roles

Models of Care

The conference will be held at the Pacific Bay Resort, Coffs Harbour in New South Wales from 25 – 27 November 2008. The conference aims to bring together health professionals with an interest in general practice nursing to provide a forum for discussion on contemporary issues and to foster the development of collaborative relationships.

On behalf of Royal College of Nursing, *Australia* and the Steering Committee, I invite you to submit an abstract of a presentation or a poster for delivery at the 6th National General Practice Nurse Conference.

Dr Stephanie Fox-Young FRCNA

President

Royal College of Nursing, Australia

TOPICS

Population Health

Exploring contemporary population health issues, health promotion activities, the importance of data, and how general practice nursing can respond will provoke much discussion. Presentations may examine population health issues such as chronic disease, immunisation, wound management, mental health, injuries, violence and discrimination, indigenous health, reproductive and sexual health, at-risk groups, risk factors, and population health data.

Development of General Practice Nurse Roles

General practice has undergone much change in recent years due to changing demographics, emerging health conditions, and workforce shortages, impacting on the role of the general practice nurse. Presentations exploring changing aspects of the role of the general practice nurse, changing scopes of practice, interdisciplinary collaboration, and professional development opportunities are welcome.

Models of Care

In response to changing population health needs, increased demands on services, and the ongoing development of general practice nurse roles, a range of models of care are now offered by general practice nurses.

Presentations exploring a range of models of care including nurse-led clinics, health promotion models, home visiting, case management and health screening programs are encouraged.

Stories from the Front Line

This plenary session provides an opportunity for first time presenters to share their experience of practice nursing. Presentations should be of around 10 minutes duration. To register interest or for additional information contact Toni Rice, trice@agpn.com.au or (02) 62280850. Please note that presenters in the Stories from the Frontline session will receive financial support to cover travel expenses and registration costs through the Divisions Network NiGP Program.

Closing Date for Expressions of Interest for this session is 1 August 2008. Please contact Toni Rice, trice@agpn.com.au or (02) 62280850

CONFERENCE AIMS

The RCNA 6th National General Practice Nurse Conference aims to bring together all health professionals with an interest in general practice nursing to share information and develop collaborative relationships. The conference will have a strong focus on current practices and promoting continuous quality improvement through teamwork.

PRESENTATION FORMATS

Presentations will be held in concurrent sessions over the duration of the conference. Sessions may be a minimum of 20 minutes or up to a maximum of 90 minutes duration. Each session should be related to one of the four streams as outlined under Topics.

Session formats fall into the following categories:

- Paper: 20 minutes
- Case Study: 20 minutes
- Workshop: 90 minutes
- Symposium: 90 minutes
- Poster presentation – posters will be scheduled in the program for official viewing during the conference.

ABSTRACT INSTRUCTIONS

- The deadline for all abstracts is 31 July 2008.
- Abstracts of a maximum of 300 words are requested.
- Presenters offering several optional presentations must submit a separate abstract and application form for each.
- Abstracts must be submitted by email saved as a Microsoft Word document and emailed to Conference Solutions at rcnagpn@con-sol.com.
- All abstracts must be formatted in Arial 12pt font, with 1.5 line spacing, and title in bold.
- Submission of abstracts indicates the agreement to publishing of the abstract on the conference website and other conference promotional material.
- The Program Committee reserves the right to reject abstracts which do not include sufficient information and to allocate abstracts to poster or podium presentations as necessary.
- Presenters must register for the conference to be eligible to present. All presenters will be entitled to a 10% discount off the registration fee.

Submissions should include:

- A completed application form
- An abstract of the presentation topic.

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KEY DATES

31 July 2008

Abstracts closing date

15 August 2008

Notification of abstract acceptance or otherwise

15 October 2008

Early bird registration closes

25 November 2008

RCNA 6th National General Practice Nurse Conference

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, 25 November 2008

3:00pm – 5:00pm Registration desk open

5:30pm – 7:00pm Welcome Reception

Wednesday, 26 November 2008

7.30am Registration Opens

8:00am – 5:00pm Exhibition Open

8:30am – 5:15pm Plenary and Concurrent Sessions

7.30pm Conference Gala Dinner

Thursday, 27 November 2008

7.30am Registration Opens

8:30am – 1:00pm Plenary and Concurrent Sessions

1:00pm – 1:30pm Close and Prize Draw

1:30pm – 2:30pm Lunch

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be available at the conference venue, Pacific Bay Resort, Coffs Harbour and also at two alternate properties within walking distance to the venue, Opal Cove Resort and Coffs Harbour International.

FIRST TIME PRESENTERS' AWARD

RCNA is offering first time presenters a chance to present a paper or workshop relevant to any of the conference topics. Entries are open to presenters who have never presented at ANY conference prior to this one.

POSTER AWARD

All posters are eligible to win this award.

Closing date 31 July 2008.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION AND ENQUIRIES

E-mail your abstract to rcnagpn@con-sol.com

Application forms can be emailed, posted or faxed to
Conference Solutions:

RCNA GPN Conference - Conference Solutions

PO Box 238

Deakin West ACT 2600

Phone: 02 6285 3000

Fax: 02 6285 3001

Email: rcnagpn@con-sol.com

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Please complete this form and enclose with your abstract.

Author(s) names and credentials

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Presenter(s) please complete a separate form for each presenter

Surname

First Name

Position

Organisation

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Workplace Address

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State.....Postcode.....

Telephone

Fax

Email

Have you previously presented at a conference?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Call for Abstracts – Deadline 31 July 2008

Indicate session format

☐ **Paper** 20 minutes

☐ **Case Study** 20 minutes

☐ **Workshop** 90 minutes

☐ **Symposium** 90 minutes

☐ **Poster**

Nominate topic

☐ Population Health

☐ Development of
Practice Nurse Roles

☐ Models of care