

2019 ANA Quality and Innovation Conference

Abstract Call: Goals and Track Descriptions

The 2019 ANA Quality and Innovation Conference will be held in Orlando, Florida, April 24-26, 2019. The Conference Call for Abstracts will be open March 23, 2018 to May 7, 2018. Notification of acceptance will be communicated electronically in August 2018.

Conference Goals

Through participating in the ANA Quality and Innovation Conference, the nurse will be able to:

1. Generate innovative processes, technology, and data to enhance professional practice and to highlight the value of nursing.
2. Design quality and safety initiatives through the lens of high reliability organizations, to improve patient and nursing outcomes.
3. Develop innovative principles and strategies to improve quality and safety that results in improved outcomes for and engagement of patients and families as full care partners.

Abstracts submitted should relate to one or more of the conference goals.

Conference Tracks

Track 1: Research

Research track abstracts for oral presentation are limited to *completed* health care research using a quantitative or qualitative design pertaining to topics relevant to the conference goals. Research in progress is acceptable for poster presentations only. Research can be original or replication studies that address one or more of the conference topic areas. Those studies involving innovation in some aspect will be given the highest consideration. Research must incorporate measurement of nursing quality and/or some aspect of nursing quality data; management of work environment (i.e. nurse staffing, governance models); the impact of the registered nurse on patient outcomes; innovation in delivery and coordination of nursing care services aimed toward improvement of patient outcomes; initiatives aimed toward patient-centered care and its impact on outcomes; inter-professional approaches to improving patient care outcomes; patient-centered care initiatives and their impact on outcomes; or leveraging technology and data to enhance nursing care delivery. For qualitative studies, researchers must include an explanation of their mechanism for assessing and maintaining research rigor, as well as outlining the research approach (e.g., phenomenology). Abstracts must describe the research purpose, significance, methods, sample, results, conclusions, and implications for practice. Posters may omit results and conclusions, but must include hypotheses.

Abstract Review Criteria:

- Relevance to conference goal(s)
- Scientific merit, including appropriateness of research methods
- Overall contribution to the body of nursing knowledge
- Clarity of abstract, including, but not limited to comprehensiveness and readability

Elements of Research Abstracts:

Section Character Limit (2,500 overall)	Section
300	<i>Purpose:</i> State the intent or goal of the research.
500	<i>Background/Significance:</i> Describe the knowledge base you are building on, and the importance of the research goal. This section should also include hypotheses or research aims.
700	<i>Methods:</i> Identify the research design, sample, instruments, data collection procedures, and analytic approach used.
700	<i>Results:</i> Describe findings and include actual analytical data.
300	<i>Conclusions and Implications for Practice:</i> Discuss the meaning of the findings and their implications for nursing practice.

Track 2: Technology

Technology track abstracts should focus on non-traditional or “out-of-the-box” technological advances and/or solutions that affect nurses and/or inter-professional team members in any healthcare practice setting. These innovative strategies must relate to the conference topic areas and directly address nursing quality and/or some aspect of nursing quality data; management of work environment (i.e. nurse staffing, governance models); innovation in delivery and coordination of nursing care services aimed toward improvement of patient outcomes; inter-professional approaches to improving patient care outcomes using technology; or leveraging technology and data to enhance the value of nursing care delivery. The technology may be oriented to administrative or staff level approaches and should highlight inventive and/or creative methods used to enhance outcomes in one or all of the following areas:

- care coordination and delivery
- patient-centered care and engaging the patient as a full partner in care
- nurse staffing
- staff governance
- patient governance
- work environment technologies
- inter-professional approaches to improving communication and care delivery using technology
- all care settings including ambulatory and long term care
- sustaining and replicating innovations in practice

Abstracts must include a description of the technology; its organizational history and implementation; nurses’, team members’, and patients’ responses to the technology; effectiveness of the strategy; and implications for broader implementation into professional practice.

Abstract Review Criteria:

- Relevance to conference goal(s)
- Comprehensive description of the technology
- Rigor of evaluation of response to the technology
- Clarity of abstract, including, but not limited to comprehensiveness and readability

Elements of Technology Abstracts:

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(2,500 overall)	
300	<i>Purpose:</i> Identify the technology and overall goal impacting nurses.
500	<i>Relevance/Significance:</i> Describe the relevance to the conference goals, the importance of the quality/performance/work issue, and reasons why the technology was needed.
1000	<i>Strategy and Implementation:</i> Describe the technology and the process of implementation.
400	<i>Evaluation:</i> Describe analytic findings and include actual evaluation data demonstrating success.
300	<i>Implications for Practice:</i> Discuss specific implications for nursing practice.

Track 3: Clinical Practice

Clinical Practice track abstracts focus on innovative and creative solutions implemented by nurses to facilitate quality and safety practice improvements. Such actions are evidenced by nursing staff and/or management quality improvements and must focus on one or more conference goals. Abstracts must incorporate measurement of some aspect of nursing quality data. Topics may include, *but are not limited to*: identification and remedy of errors in care; management of/or improving the nursing practice related to models of care coordination and delivery; nurse staffing; inter-professional approaches to improving team relationships, communication, and patient care outcomes; reduction of harm and promotion of safety for the patient; team-based initiatives aimed toward quality or care; measurement of educational interventions in the care environment. Abstracts must include a description of the issue or problem addressed, the innovative practice changes and/or solutions implemented, and evaluation of the effectiveness, and implications for practice.

Abstract Review Criteria:

- Relevance to conference goal(s)
- Rigor of evaluation of the nursing/clinical practice improvement
- Evidence of relevance to contemporary or future nursing practice
- Clarity of abstract, including, but not limited to comprehensiveness and readability

Elements of Clinical Practice Abstracts:

Section Character Limit (2,500 overall)	Section
300	<i>Purpose:</i> Identify the overall goal of the clinical practice initiative.
500	<i>Relevance/Significance:</i> Describe the initiative's relevance and importance in context of the conference goal(s).
1000	<i>Strategy and Implementation:</i> Describe the clinical practice actions and the process of implementation.
400	<i>Evaluation:</i> Describe analytic findings and include actual evaluation data demonstrating the value of the clinical practice

	change (success or failure).
300	<i>Implications for Practice:</i> Discuss specific implications for nursing/clinical practice.

Track 4: Work Environment

Work environment track abstracts focus on leading-edge solutions implemented by nursing staff and leaders to facilitate positive, professional nursing work environments that promote autonomy of nursing practice and decision-making, the health and safety of the nurse (e.g. improved nurse satisfaction, reduced turnover, reduced workplace injuries etc.), and optimal patient outcomes or nurse outcomes. Such actions are evidenced by nursing staff or management quality improvements targeted directly toward creating and sustaining innovative, high performing, agile, and patient-centric nursing and inter-professional care teams and must focus on one or more conference goals. Topics may include, but are not limited to: safety initiatives; safe patient handling/mobility; shared governance; nurse staffing or skill mix; fatigue; shift work; workplace incivility or violence; inter-professional care models promoting team cohesion and quality care; initiatives aimed toward ensuring that inter-professional care is reliable and continuous, promotes shared decision-making, and enhances quality outcomes. Abstracts must incorporate description of identified opportunity, creative actions implemented, outcomes, and evaluation of interventions impacting nurses.

Abstract Review Criteria:

- Relevance to conference goal(s)
- Rigor of evaluation of nurse practice/work environment improvement
- Evidence of relevance to contemporary or future nursing practice
- Clarity of abstract, including, but not limited to comprehensiveness and readability

Elements of Work Environment Abstracts:

Section Character Limit (2,500 overall)	Section
300	<i>Purpose:</i> Identify the overall goal of the work environment initiative.
500	<i>Relevance/Significance:</i> Describe the initiative's relevance and importance in context of the conference goal(s).
1000	<i>Strategy and Implementation:</i> Describe the actions and the process of implementation.
400	<i>Evaluation:</i> Describe analytic findings and include actual evaluation data demonstrating the impact of the change in the work environment (success or failure).
300	<i>Implications for Practice:</i> Discuss specific implications for nursing.