Conference Theme
Empowering professionalism and celebrating the future in nursing and midwifery.

Empowering professionalism is a significant element of the Nursing Now Campaign 2018-2021 and part of the National Nursing (including Midwifery) 2030 strategy. What do we mean by celebrating the future in our two professions? How can we engage in raising the profile of the professions? How can we promote the health and well-being of nurses and midwives? What more can we do to impact the patient experience and outcomes? These are all questions we are keen to explore at the NMLC 2019.

When considering these questions in the context of celebrating the future in nursing and midwifery, we are looking to examine:

- Equity of care and access to care
- Providing care through a cultural lens
- Building resilience and the health and well-being of the nursing and midwifery workforce
- Proactive and visionary succession planning
- Nursing and midwifery research and how this impacts on our professional lives and those of our patients
- How to care for the carers, are we doing this any better
- Workforce flexibility, agility, diversity and difference
- Sustainability in health care
- Digital health systems and informatics initiatives.

ABSTRACT CONTENT
The abstract should be as informative as possible and provide an accurate outline of content rather than a promise of what will be discussed. Abstracts will be used for selection purposes.

Abstracts must contain sufficient information to allow a delegate to learn what may be gained from attending the NMLC by addressing the following areas:

- Introduction/Background
- Aim/Purpose of the project
- Methods/Process/Who is being studied
- Results/Outcome
- Recommendations/Conclusion

PRESENTATION THEMES
The Conference Organising Committee is now calling for oral and poster presentations which meet one of the following conference program streams for concurrent sessions:

- Leadership - Patients: Empowering professionalism and celebrating the future
  Consider innovative leadership approaches that enhance the patient experience and outcomes.
  Abstracts for this stream must demonstrate leadership initiatives that are patient focussed.

- Leadership - Staff: Empowering professionalism and celebrating the future
  Consider innovative leadership approaches that outline caring for staff.
  Abstracts for this stream must demonstrate leadership initiatives that are staff focussed.
Leadership – Organisation: Empowering professionalism and celebrating the future
Consider innovative leadership that outlines empowering professionalism and embracing the future in caring organisations.
Abstracts for this stream must demonstrate leadership initiatives that are organisation focussed.

PRESENTATION TYPES

1. **Oral Presentation**: 15-minute presentation for concurrent sessions plus 5-minute question time.
2. **Poster Presentation**: Posters will be displayed for the duration of the conference with an allocated time for presenting authors to respond to queries.
ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

All abstracts must be received by the Conference Committee no later than 5:00pm (WST) on Friday, 26 April 2019.

Abstracts must contain original work and should include a detailed overview of the proposed presentation.

The presenting author must submit the abstract.

Submitted abstracts should be written in Arial font, 11 point in Word document and are to include:

- Abstract title
- Presenting author’s name and organisation
- Co-author name(s) and organisation(s)
- Abstract (300 words maximum)

The abstract is to be formatted to A4 size in Arial font, 11 point, except for the title which is to be Arial font, 14 point. The document should be single-spaced and have clear lines between paragraphs. Bold is to be used for the title and headings only.

Incomplete or incorrect submissions will be returned to the author and must be resubmitted immediately in the correct format to be considered for inclusion in the program.

It is the responsibility of the presenting author(s) to ensure that the abstract is submitted correctly and received by the Conference Committee. The Conference Committee will not be held responsible for abstract submissions not received.

All submitting authors will be notified of the results of the review of abstracts by Monday, 20 May 2019.

If your abstract is accepted, you must register for the conference by Tuesday, 27 August 2019. Papers, including posters will not be scheduled for presentation until registration has been received.

It is a condition of acceptance that all presenters, including co-presenters, must be registered delegates and have paid the conference registration fee.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the electronic program handbook and conference App.

Accepted poster presentations will be required to submit a PDF copy of the poster prior to the conference for display on the electronic board at the conference. This will be in addition to the printed poster presentation to be displayed at the conference.

Abstracts will only be accepted in Word format.

Abstracts are to be free of typographical and grammatical errors. Tables, graphs, images and reference need not be included in the abstract.

Abbreviations: standard abbreviations may be used for common terms only. Uncommon terms, the abbreviations should be given in brackets after the first full use of the word.

Special characters: To avoid character corruption any special characters should be entered using either Times New Roman or Symbol font.

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