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32nd Annual Convention 2023 Call for Poster Abstracts

AMSN is pleased to announce the **Call for Poster Abstracts** for our Annual Convention for 2023. Have you implemented a creative nursing intervention, a new model for delivery of services, a cutting-edge clinical practice, or an innovative research project? If so, you are invited to share your expertise with colleagues.

Submission guidelines: Please visit the AMSN poster abstract submission form to submit your poster abstract for review at the following web address:

<https://amsnaward.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/174/home>

Abstract is limited to 500 words, excluding the title. Abstract should contain a description of the project or subject matter, methodology if applicable, analysis, and results as indicated. All references to names and organizations within the body text should be removed that could identify the authors/investigators.

The Convention Program Planning Committee will be reviewing and evaluating each poster abstract for relevant content supported by evidence-based practice and/or guidelines, and quality of writing in expressing key ideas. Abstracts that promote products will not be considered.

Submission deadline: Poster abstracts must be submitted via the poster abstract submission form by 11:59 pm on May 15, 2023.

Submission questions: Any abstract submission questions should be directed to the following:

Kristina Moran
Education Coordinator
Email: amsn_abstracts@ajj.com

Proficiency level of presentation: The proficiency level of the presentation is important to the planning process to assure that all learning content levels are represented in the overall program. Please consider the target audience of your presentation before selecting the appropriate level.

- **Emerging:** Adheres to rules and plans; Requires guidelines for action; Has no discretionary judgement; Common knowledge of basic techniques and concepts; Use experience gained in classroom and/or as a trainee on the job; Requires help sometimes to complete tasks from other experts.
- **Established:** Deliberately plans; Standardizes and routinizes their procedures to accomplish tasks; Requires minimal guidance/help from other experts.
- **Expert:** Decisions are less labored; Views situations systematically and strategically; Views deviations from normal patterns; Uses maxims for guidance but no longer relies on rules, guidelines, and maxims; Intuitive grasp of situations; Deep tacit

understanding; Requires no guidance from other experts; Provides guidance/coaching to others; Involved in leadership discussions and decisions; Assists in developing references and resources; Provides recommendations to improve processes and practices.

Presentation track: Please select the topic/track from the list that best suits your abstract. This information is used to assign reviewers during the review process and to develop the convention program.

Clinical: Cutting-edge information about the clinical aspect of medical-surgical practice that may include clinical practice trends and new treatments.

- **Care coordination and transition management:** Provides information for nurses who coordinate care and manage transitions of patients among levels of care, providers, and settings.

Interprofessional collaboration: Nurses and other health professionals work collaboratively with patients, their families, and caregivers to deliver high-quality care. May include partnerships such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, or nutrition.

Leadership: Emerging models of leadership, ways to influence outcomes and quality, and experiences integrating new models of care within the fiscally challenged environment to include the changing managed care arena.

- **Clinical nurse leadership:** Presentations on how to develop leadership skills of the clinical nurse at the bedside and how this empowers nurses to influence changes to enhance patient and organizational outcomes.
- **Legislation/health policy advocacy:** How nurses can promote effective healthcare laws, standards, systems, and regulations that impact medical-surgical nursing. Health policy advocates promote improvements for both patients and fellow healthcare professionals.

Creating/sustaining healthy practice environments: New ideas on how to create and/or sustain healthy practice environments in medical-surgical units with increasingly complex demands. Promote optimal patient outcomes with varied staffing models.

Evidence-based practice/Research: Integrates the best available evidence to guide nursing care and improve patient outcomes. This helps health practitioners address healthcare questions with an evaluative and qualitative approach. Research presentations relevant to medical-surgical nursing practice are encouraged. Also, research methods and discussion of research issues will be considered.

Institutional Review Board Approval: The purpose of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) process is to ensure that the appropriate steps are taken to protect the rights of individuals participating in a research study or projects involving human subjects. The review assesses the ethics of the research and its methods, promotes fully informed and voluntary participation by prospective subjects capable of making such choices, and seeks to maximize the safety of subjects. Abstract authors should have a copy of their Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval/exemption form to provide if requested and, if abstract selected, indicate on the final presentation material.

Audience: Nursing staff, administrators, educators, clinical nurse specialists, advanced practice nurses, and researchers who are involved in the delivery of nursing care in the medical-surgical arena.

Authorship of abstracts: The primary author/investigator submits the abstract with the full consent of all authors/investigators and has obtained the necessary institution clearance. A nurse should be one of the authors/investigators. AMSN members and non-members are invited to submit abstracts. Encore presentations may be submitted for consideration. The primary author will be the contact person for future correspondence.

AMSN & MSNCB are committed to strengthening our diversity, equity, and inclusion, to ensure these are woven deeply into the fabric of our missions, goals, and the experiences we provide for our nurses.

Embracing diverse perspectives leads to hearing multiple perspectives on issues, realizing full potentials, and finding innovative solutions.

Diversity refers to the many ways people may differ and includes factors such as gender; race; ethnicity; sexual orientation; age; disability status; geographic location; expertise; professional and life experiences; experience with our work; and AMSN membership and CMSRN certification.

Equity is of utmost importance to our organizations, as we are focused on helping to remove any of the barriers that may inhibit participation by any group or individual. Inclusion is consistently and openly inviting and encouraging members and certificants who have historically been underrepresented – including individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups –to apply for opportunities and engage with AMSN & MSNCB.

We firmly stand by this commitment as we serve our entire nursing community.

Biographical data and disclosure information: Biographical data and disclosure information is requested for any abstract submission. The primary author, primary presenter (if other than primary author), and any additional co-authors who are anticipated to be in attendance as presenters are requested to provide this information.

Expertise: Briefly describe your knowledge and subject matter expertise related to the content for the submitted abstract. Please focus on your professional credentials, clinical background, and teaching experience on this subject. Identify your level of expertise relative to presenting to an audience outside of your facility or institution (1st presentation, have presented 1-5 presentations, have presented more than 5 presentations).

Disclosure of relevant financial relationships: The American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (ANCC-COA) adopted the

*Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education** and acknowledges that many healthcare professionals have financial relationships with ineligible companies. **ANCC defines ineligible organizations** as those whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients. These relationships must not be allowed to influence accredited continuing education.

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Before the planning for the education begins, the accredited provider must collect information from all individuals associated with the planning and implementation of an educational activity, including, but not limited to, the planning committee, faculty, presenters, authors, content experts and content reviewers, to provide information about **all** their financial relationships with ineligible companies within the prior **24** months. This disclosure must include: the name of the ineligible company, the nature of the financial relationship.

Examples of financial relationships include employees, researcher, consultant, advisor, speaker, independent contractor, royalties or patent beneficiary, executive role, and ownership interest. Individual stocks and stock options should be disclosed; diversified mutual funds do not need to be disclosed.

Owners or employees of ineligible companies must be excluded from controlling content or participating as planners or faculty in accredited education, *unless*:

- A. the content is not related to the business line or product.
- B. the content is limited to basic science research, and they do not make care recommendations.
- C. they are participating as technicians to teach safe and proper use of medical devices and do not recommend whether or when a device is used.

Abstract submission, review, and acceptance

Submission: Abstracts must be submitted via the abstract submission form by the requested deadline.

Abstract submission (general submission information)

1. **Abstract title:** Use key words which describe the specific topic and content of the abstract.
2. **Proficiency level of presentation:** Select presentation level applicable to content of abstract.
3. **Presentation track:** Please select the topic/track from the list that best suits your abstract.
4. **Abstract (limited to 500 words):** Summarize content into a brief, well-organized and engaging paragraph. Abstract content for all presentation track types should use either the evidence-based practice or research outline structure as listed below. Abstract text should contain evidence-based guidelines, best available evidence,

and/or nursing research to add meaningful and supportive data. Pre- and post-data for any implemented research or project should be included in the abstract under evaluation outcomes (evidence-based practice outline structure) or result(s) (research outline structure). The Program Planning Committee needs to clearly understand and visualize a 360-degree view of the proposed session. Strive to use the majority of the allotted character limitations. Please note that any learning outcomes and objectives included in the abstract paragraph will contribute to total character limit.

Content outline structure

- a. **Evidence-based practice:** 1) Purpose, 2) Description, 3) Evaluation/outcome (should include any pre-/post-outcomes data if applicable)
 - b. **Research:** 1) Purpose, 2) Background/significance, 3) Method(s), 4) Result(s) (should include any pre-/post-outcomes data if applicable), 5) Conclusions/implications
5. **Evidence-based references:** List at least one evidence-based reference used for developing the proposed presentation content.
 6. **Information on authors:** Please list each author first name, last name, credentials, and employer. Please separate individual author information with a semi-colon.

Abstract submission (primary author information)

7. **Primary author information:** Please provide general contact information for the primary author as indicated by each field.
8. **Primary author content expertise:** Briefly describe your knowledge and subject matter expertise related to the content for the submitted abstract. Please focus on your professional credentials, clinical background, and teaching experience on this subject. Identify your level of expertise relative to presenting to an audience outside of your facility or institution (1 presentation, have presented 1-5 presentations, have presented more than 5 presentations).
9. **Primary author disclosure of relevant financial relationships:** Please disclose ALL financial relationships that you have had in the past 24 months with ineligible companies. For each relationship, enter the name of the ineligible company and the nature of the financial relationship(s). There is no minimum financial threshold; please disclose ALL relationships, regardless of the amount. If you do not have any relevant financial relationships to disclose, please indicate not applicable.
10. **Primary author statement of understanding:** Provision of the name and date of the individual completing this section serves as the electronic signature of the and attests to the accuracy of the information given.

Abstract submission (primary presenter information)

11. **Primary presenter information:** Please provide general contact information for the primary author as indicated by each field.
12. **Primary presenter content expertise:** Briefly describe your knowledge and subject matter expertise related to the content for the submitted abstract. Please focus on your professional credentials, clinical background, and teaching experience on this subject. Identify your level of expertise relative to presenting to an audience outside

of your facility or institution (1 presentation, have presented 1-5 presentations, have presented more than 5 presentations).

13. **Primary presenter disclosure of relevant financial relationships:** Please disclose ALL financial relationships that you have had in the past 24 months with ineligible companies. For each relationship, enter the name of the ineligible company and the nature of the financial relationship(s). There is no minimum financial threshold; please disclose ALL relationships, regardless of the amount. If you do not have any relevant financial relationships to disclose, please indicate not applicable.
14. **Primary presenter statement of understanding:** Provision of the name and date of the individual completing this section serves as the electronic signature of the and attests to the accuracy of the information given.

Abstract submission (secondary author/presenter information)

15. **Secondary author/presenter information:** Please provide general contact information for the secondary author/presenter as indicated by each field.
16. **Secondary author/presenter content expertise:** Briefly describe your knowledge and subject matter expertise related to the content for the submitted abstract. Please focus on your professional credentials, clinical background, and teaching experience on this subject. Identify your level of expertise relative to presenting to an audience outside of your facility or institution (1 presentation, have presented 1-5 presentations, have presented more than 5 presentations).
17. **Secondary author/presenter disclosure of relevant financial relationships:** Please disclose ALL financial relationships that you have had in the past 24 months with ineligible companies. For each relationship, enter the name of the ineligible company and the nature of the financial relationship(s). There is no minimum financial threshold; please disclose ALL relationships, regardless of the amount. If you do not have any relevant financial relationships to disclose, please indicate not applicable.
18. **Secondary author/presenter statement of understanding:** Provision of the name and date of the individual completing this section serves as the electronic signature of the and attests to the accuracy of the information given.

Abstract submission information authorization

19. Provision of the name, email address, and date of completion from the abstract submitter confirms that they wish to have the material included for consideration as an abstract for the annual convention.

Review and selection process: Needs assessments are created annually by the Convention Program Planning Committee. A needs assessment is completed by a systematic process of gathering data to help identify a professional practice gap in knowledge, skill, or nursing practice and drives the abstract selection process. A blind review of the abstracts is completed by the Convention Program Planning Committee and designated reviewers. Abstracts are evaluated for the completion of requested information and adherence to all instructions. If an abstract does not meet stated criteria, it will not be reviewed. *Note:* Abstracts that are product-based will not be considered.

Acceptance: Notice of the review outcome will be sent by mid-July. An abstract which is not selected for presentation may have contained unclear concepts, content not supported by evidence, and/or simply may not have met the Convention Program Planning Committee's needs assessment. If not selected for speaker presentation, primary abstract submitters will be invited to submit the abstract for poster presentation consideration.

Poster presentation of abstract at convention

AMSN will supply an assigned presentation space and a 4-foot-high by 8-foot-wide cork display board. Format for the poster presentation should include a creative, visual presentation of the abstract content.

Poster presenters should be present at their poster display for at least a portion of assigned poster presentation times to allow colleagues to ask questions. Exact times are subject to the final program and will be communicated to presenters. The presenter can be someone other than the primary author, but should be a registered nurse qualified to discuss the topic content.