AMSN is pleased to announce the Call for Speaker Abstracts for our Annual Convention for 2019. 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 online AMSN Abstract Management System to register and submit your abstract for review at the following web address: https://www.conftool.org/amsn2019/

Abstract is limited to 450 words, excluding the title. Abstracts 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.

Speaker abstracts that are product-based will not be considered.

Submission deadline
Abstracts must be received at the National Office no later than October 30th annually.

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

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Types of presentation
- Concurrent session: formal presentation in a lecture-style format lasting either 60 or 75 minutes. Some freedom exists in terms of formality, but a course size of 100+ participants should be expected.
- General session: 75-minute formal lecture-style presentation to all convention attendees.

Levels of presentation
- Basic: for the novice nurse. Learning consist of general medical and surgical topics, introduction of areas outside usual practice/unit/patient type. Validates and enhances knowledge base.
• **Intermediate**: for the experienced nurse. Introduction of new knowledge and/or reinforcement of knowledge base. Provides for review of knowledge base, enhances knowledge base, and offers new practice implications.

• **Advanced**: for experienced nurses and advanced practice nurses. Learnings validate and enhance knowledge base and meet criteria for national certification and licensure continuing education requirements.

**Topic areas**

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

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

• **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.

• **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**: integrates the best available evidence to guide nursing care and improve patient outcomes. This helps health practitioners address health care questions with an evaluative and qualitative approach.

• **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.

• **Legislation/Health Policy Advocacy**: how nurses can promote effective health care laws, standards, systems and regulations that impact medical-surgical nursing. Health policy advocates promote improvements for both patients and fellow health care.

• **Research**: presentations on research-based studies relevant to medical-surgical nursing practice are encouraged. Also, research methods and discussion of research issues will be considered.

**Participants**

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.
Biographical data and conflict of interest disclosure forms
Biographical data and conflict of interest disclosure information is requested for any abstract submission. The primary author, primary presenter (if other than primary author), and any additional authors who are anticipated to be in attendance as presenters are requested to complete a copy of these forms and provide them with their abstract submission. All biographical data and conflict of interest disclosure forms should be included with the abstract submission.

ANCC Standards
Abstract authors must comply with the standards from ANCC Standards for Disclosure and Commercial Support. You may go to www.ana.org to download the entire document. Below is a brief summary on the standards which apply to the abstracts:
- The abstract must be free of commercial interest.
- Commercial interest organizations are not eligible to submit abstracts.
- An individual must disclose any financial relationship with an entity with a commercial interest.
- The content or format of the CNE activity or its related materials must promote improvements or quality in health care and not a specific proprietary business interest of an entity with a commercial interest.
- Presentations must give a balanced view of therapeutic options. Use of generic names will contribute to this impartiality. If the CNE educational material or content includes trade names, when available trade names from several companies should be used, not just trade names from a single company.

Abstract submission, review, and acceptance
Abstracts must be submitted via the abstract management system by the requested deadline. A blind review of the abstract is directed by the AMSN Planning Committee. The abstract will be evaluated for the completion of requested information and adherence to all instructions. If an abstract does not adhere to the stated criteria, it will not be reviewed. Notice of the outcome of review will be sent by mid-February.

Presentation of abstract at convention
Selected speaker abstract presentations will receive complimentary registration for the day of the session presentation and a stipend to cover expenses.