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29th Annual Convention 2020 Call for Poster Abstracts

AMSUN is pleased to announce the **Call for Poster Abstracts** for our Annual Convention for 2020. 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 AMSUN poster abstract submission form to submit your poster abstract for review at the following web address:

<https://amsnaward.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/4/home>

Poster 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 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, 2020.

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

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Level of presentation: Presentation level is important to the planning process to assure that all learning content levels are represented in the overall program. Using Benner's *From Novice to Expert* theory, AMSUN has adapted it into three (3) content levels:

Advanced beginner: Primary focus is on the individual patient and family. Uses decision trees, algorithms, protocols, and evidence-based practice guidelines. Principles, based on experiences, begin to be formulated to guide actions.

Proficient: More holistic understanding improves decision-making. Able to critically think based on experiences. Advocates for patient and family.

Expert: Has intuitive grasp of clinical situation. Performance is fluid, flexible, and highly proficient. Incorporates evidence-based resources and nursing research into daily plan of care.

Presentation type: 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.

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 healthcare 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 healthcare laws, standards, systems, and regulations that impact medical-surgical nursing. Health policy advocates promote improvements for both patients and fellow healthcare professionals.

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.

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 poster.

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 information:

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 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).

ANCC standards: Abstract authors must comply with the ANCC Content Integrity standards related to commercial support and conflict of interest. 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

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

Abstract submission (general submission information)

1. **Poster abstract title:** Use key words which describe the specific topic and content of the abstract.
2. **Abstract level:** Select presentation level applicable to content of abstract.
3. **Presentation type:** 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 text should contain evidence-based guidelines, best available evidence, and/or nursing research to add meaningful and supportive data. 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, objectives, and references 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
 - b. *Research*: 1) Purpose, 2) Background/Significance, 3) Method(s), 4) Result(s), 5) Conclusions/Implications
5. **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)

6. **Primary author information**: Please provide general contact information for the primary author as indicated by each field.
7. **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).
8. **Primary author conflict of interest declaration**: Please select yes/no for whether there is any potential or actual conflict of interest for primary author or their spouse which should be disclosed to attendees.
9. **Primary author conflict of interest type**: If a potential or actual conflict of interest for primary author or their spouse is present, please specify category of potential or actual conflict of interest from the following choices and provide a brief description: salary, royalty, stock, speakers' bureau, consultant, other financial or material support. If no, 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 conflict of interest declaration**: Please select yes/no for whether there is any potential or actual conflict of interest for primary presenter or their spouse which should be disclosed to attendees.

14. **Primary presenter conflict of interest type:** If a potential or actual conflict of interest for primary presenter or their spouse is present, please specify category of potential or actual conflict of interest from the following choices and provide a brief description: salary, royalty, stock, speakers' bureau, consultant, other financial or material support. If no, please indicate not applicable.
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Abstract submission (secondary author/presenter information)

16. **Secondary author/presenter information:** Please provide general contact information for the secondary author/presenter as indicated by each field.
17. **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).
18. **Secondary author/presenter conflict of interest declaration:** Please select yes/no for whether there is any potential or actual conflict of interest for secondary author/presenter or their spouse which should be disclosed to attendees.
19. **Secondary author/presenter conflict of interest type:** If a potential or actual conflict of interest for secondary author/presenter or their spouse is present, please specify category of potential or actual conflict of interest from the following choices and provide a brief description: salary, royalty, stock, speakers' bureau, consultant, other financial or material support. If no, please indicate not applicable.
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Abstract submission information authorization

21. 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 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 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 Program Planning Committee's needs assessment. If not selected for oral 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 registered to attend the full convention. Primary poster presenters are eligible to receive a \$100 discount off the full main convention registration fee. Only one discount per poster presentation. No travel or other expenses are provided. Presenters are responsible for all expense incurred for their presentation including, but not limited to, the poster itself.

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.