

Royal College of Nursing Continence Care Forum annual conference and exhibition

# Continence care: securing the present, creating the future

Wednesday 8 – Thursday 9 October 2008  
York Racecourse, York

Call for papers and abstract guidelines

The health care environment in which you work is one of constant change. The needs of patients, however, remain unchanged. For those patients who experience bladder and bowel difficulties, access to speedy and appropriate advice, treatment and support is paramount. Whilst the provision of continence services remains a low NHS priority, national policy and guidance such as the recent NICE guidelines can be used by professionals working in continence care to support the case for investment in continence services.

This conference will examine ways to build on existing strengths, embrace the challenges change brings; and explore innovative ways of creating continence services that are fit for the future. The conference programme will be of interest to all delegates, whether new to continence care or expert practitioners, and will include a selection of masterclass workshops.

## Call for papers

Abstracts are invited for poster, concurrent or workshop presentations and should fall under one of the following themes:

- commissioning continence services
- innovations in care delivery
- sharing new research
- education and competencies
- user involvement

## Abstract purpose

The purpose of the abstract is twofold. Firstly, it will enable the scientific committee to make an informed anonymous decision on the suitability of the abstract for the conference programme. Secondly, the abstract will provide participants attending the conference with written information to support the presentation.

## Poster presentation

Poster presentations are visual displays of material to be presented and exhibited throughout the duration of the conference. Posters have the potential to reach a wide audience and presenters will have an excellent opportunity to interact with delegates.

## Concurrent session

Concurrent session papers are presented orally. Presenters are allocated a maximum of 20 minutes presentation followed by 10 minutes of discussion and questions.

## Workshop

Workshops are interactive sessions of 60 or 90 minutes duration where the presenter works with participants to develop their knowledge and understanding within a specific field. A workshop is lead by an expert within the field and may be pitched at a novice, intermediate or advanced level.

### **\*\*please note\*\***

- Deadline for receipt of abstracts is **31 March 2008**
- The decision of the scientific committee to accept or reject submissions is final
- The scientific committee reserve the right to offer the appropriate mode of presentation to meet the overall needs of the conference
- All participants chosen to present papers must register and pay to be eligible to present their paper
- The conference committee regrets that it is unable to meet any travel or subsistence expenses
- All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference programme when authors have registered for the conference.

## To book your place

Download a booking form at [www.rcn.org.uk/events](http://www.rcn.org.uk/events) or call event registrations tel: 029 2054 6460 to book over the phone using your debit/credit card. If you have any queries, please call Holly Peppiatt tel: 0207 647 3580 or email: [continence@rcn.org.uk](mailto:continence@rcn.org.uk).

## Exhibit! Advertise! Promote!

The RCN Continence Care annual conference and exhibition provides you with an unrivalled opportunity to connect directly with a significant group of the UK's leading continence care nurses. There are a number of ways for you to be involved in the exhibition giving you the opportunity to network and raise your profile within this specialist nursing arena. Packages can be tailored to help achieve specific objectives. For further information please contact the exhibitions team on 0208 872 3119 or email [exhibitions@rcnpublishing.co.uk](mailto:exhibitions@rcnpublishing.co.uk).

## Abstract submission

In order to facilitate the process of selecting and processing abstracts, RCN Events now requires the following information to be compiled by the author. Please send to the conference organiser via e-mail only. Please note that hand written submissions will not be accepted.

Please ensure that you supply ALL the requested information. Failure to do so may affect your submission.

If you are a commercial organisation, please contact the Exhibitions Team on 020 8872 3110 or email [exhibitions@rcnpublishing.co.uk](mailto:exhibitions@rcnpublishing.co.uk) for further details of seminar opportunities.

### Personal details

- 1 Title
- 2 Name
- 3 Qualifications
- 4 Job title
- 5 Workplace
- 6 If appropriate, co-presenter's name, job title, workplace and mailing address
- 7 Mailing address
- 8 Post code
- 9 Country
- 10 RCN membership no. (if applicable)
- 11 Day time telephone number
- 12 Mobile number
- 13 Fax number
- 14 E-mail address
- 15 Theme of paper (please refer overleaf)
- 16 Type of presentation (concurrent/workshop/poster)
- 17 First time presenter – yes or no

### Abstract information

- 18 Title of paper
- 19 Overall aim of paper
- 20 An abstract of your presentation (maximum 250 words)
- 21 At least 3 intended learning outcomes
- 22 At least 3 reading references
- 23 Your professional biography

Closing date for all submissions is **31 March 2008.**

**DO NOT FORGET – RESPONSES TO ALL 23 POINTS MUST BE PROVIDED!**

**Check your submission before you send it!**