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RCN International Nursing Research Conference 2024

New for 2024, this year we have joined the Clinical Research Nurse Conference with the International Nursing Research Conference. Day 2 of the conference will include a dedicated programme with particular relevance to our Clinical Research Nurse (CRN) Workforce, their professional challenges, examples of best practice, and showcasing excellence in this field.
We have therefore developed a new 'Clinical Research Nursing' category within the abstract process and within this category we will accept, for inclusion within our CRN programme, high quality abstracts of significant relevance to our audience which may not necessarily be examples of original research.

Criteria for abstract selection

For inclusion in the conference programme, the Scientific Committee will ONLY consider abstracts that meet the following criteria:

Core criteria relevant to all modes of presentation

1. The abstract must be about a research project or a critical reflection on a research related issue (for example policy or a methodological issue).

   Abstracts submitted for day 2 on "Clinical Research Nursing" should outline issues relevant to research delivery such as but not limited to innovative ways of working, examples of initiatives related to national strategy or collaborations with colleagues in non-research delivery settings.

2. Material presented in abstracts must be concise and coherent, with the focus of the abstract and its relevance to an international audience stated clearly e.g. a local study needs to be placed in some generalised context

3. The authors must make explicit what they intend to present.

4. The abstract title should be short and clearly declare the content of the abstract.

5. Abstracts of empirical studies must outline the research process and the focus of the analysis, they must indicate the month(s) and year(s) when the data were collected and provide an indication of the results. (NB an abstract will not be accepted if data has not already been collected).

6. Abstracts reporting on the results of research studies should be structured: background, aims, methods, results, discussion and conclusions. Statistics including sample size and sampling method used must be supplied where appropriate.

7. Abstracts relating to methodological papers should include: background to the method, debate, topic etc. including definition of technical terms; aims of the paper; methodological discussion/presentation; a conclusion which summarises the contribution of the paper.

8. Relevant contextual information including definitions of specialist terms must be given.

9. Authors must consider and specify how their paper contributes to the development of a generalised knowledge base e.g. a service evaluation is likely to be of little interest to an audience unless its contribution to theory, policy or future practice in different settings, is made clear.

10. All abstracts must be text (ie no graphs, diagrams) and written in English

All accepted abstracts will be published 'as submitted'. It is therefore incumbent upon the author to ensure that the spelling, grammar and syntax is of an academic publishing standard.

Criteria including word limits, specific to the mode of presentation

1. The word limit <u>must</u> be adhered to, the AMS will automatically limit entry:

    a) For concurrent, poster and ViPER submissions the word limit is 300 (excluding references).

    b) For symposium submissions the word limit is 300 for each of the individual papers to be included in the symposium (excluding references and authors' details). Abstracts for poster, concurrent and ViPER presentations must not contain information which could identify the author/s, as these are reviewed blind.

2. For poster, concurrent and ViPER presentations, up to three references may be cited and these must be provided using the Harvard referencing system. Further guidance on referencing can be found [here](#).

Guidance notes for completing your submission

➢ **Title of paper:** please avoid using abbreviations wherever possible. Use title case rather than capitals throughout the title.

➢ **Keywords:** when selecting your topics on the AMS, please make your selection as follows:

    a) choose up to three words from the question *clinical topic, research field and research issues*
    b) choose one word from the question *research approach*
    c) choose one word from the question *data collection or analysis method*

➢ **Symposia***

    *Important – please see Symposia (Panel) submission guide document as this follows a different submission process.

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