



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice

August 27-August 29, 2024
Denver, CO

Abstract Submission Deadline: 5:00 pm EST, January 9, 2024

This year's conference welcomes nurses, researchers, nursing leaders, educators, law enforcement personnel, policy makers, and all related professionals to share pressing knowledge and experiences that have implications for forensic nursing.

IAFN acknowledges that achieving equity and a racially and ethnically diverse nursing workforce will require dismantling structural racism, and these actions will improve healthcare outcomes ([NASEM, 2021](#)).

In envisioning this future together, IAFN is committed to addressing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) in forensic nursing education, science, and practice. In creating this compassionate culture, you are encouraged to incorporate JEDI concepts into your conference presentation. The use of respectful, bias-free, affirming, and inclusive language positively impacts our interactions, and is necessary in creating our visioned future. For assistance with appropriate language, please follow this [link](#).

If your presentation includes a direct patient care component, it must address at least one of the following related to implicit bias, oppression, discrimination, systemic racism and/or understanding of structural barriers to equitable care (i.e. government and/or institutional policies that support discrimination and impacts patient outcomes negatively, distribution of resources, and built environments) in your presentation content:

- Strategies to address how their proposal is impacted or interacts with structural barriers to equitable care
- Examples of how implicit bias affects perceptions and treatment decisions of nurses (and possibly other licensed health care providers), leading to disparities in health outcomes.
- Strategies to address how unintended biases in decision-making may contribute to health care disparities by shaping behaviors and producing difference in medical treatment along lines of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, or other characteristics.

- Discussion on how the social determinants of health and the impacts of systemic racism and/or colonization affects our patients and strategies to dismantle them.

Conference Learning Outcomes

After attending the 2024 International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice, participants will report increased knowledge about the:

- current state of the science in forensic nursing,
- concepts impacting the future of forensic nursing,
- issues influencing the future of forensic nursing and the global response to violence,
- how structural barriers to equitable care (i.e. systemic racism, discrimination) impact patient outcomes,
- risks and benefits of technological advances as related to forensic nursing and issues of violence, and
- strategies for incorporating evidence-based research into forensic nursing practice.

Call for Abstracts

Foundations of the International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice are:

- presentations by global forensic nursing experts;
- science from other disciplines with relevance to standards of forensic nursing and other forensic sciences;
- cutting-edge forensic nursing research; and
- evidence-based practice (EBP).

The International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) invites abstracts within three categories:

- **30-minute research and EBP sessions (20 minutes presentation with 10 minutes for Q&A),**
- **90-minute concurrent sessions, and**
- **Poster sessions.**

Submissions for presentation will reflect one of the following areas:

- Theory (presenting practice or theoretical concepts as an analysis or framework),
- Practice (presenting a quality improvement project, programmatic or practice project, or case study), or
- Research to practice (original or replication research that supports forensic nursing principles and/or applies to forensic nursing practice as an EBP project). IAFN invites both qualitative and quantitative research projects.

IAFN is particularly interested in **abstracts** that increase the use or application of scientific knowledge as an evidence base for forensic nursing practice. IAFN encourages **research presentations and EBP projects** that focus on methodology and/or development. IAFN welcomes **research presentations** that are meaningful to nurses in practice, education, and research—and clinical topics that support EBP in forensic nursing. *IAFN encourages panel presentations, whereby several people present on the same topic during a single concurrent session.**

***Please note: EACH PRESENTER OF A SELECTED ABSTRACT MUST REGISTER AND PAY TO ATTEND THE IN-PERSON CONFERENCE.** Up to two presenters per selected oral abstract will be eligible for a discount on the conference registration fee. One presenter per accepted poster will be eligible for a discount on the conference registration fee.

- Abstracts undergo blind peer review. The review committee may ask the submitter to clarify points within the abstract.
- To ensure the blind-scoring process, the submitter should not include any identifying author or institution information in the body of the abstract summary.
- Each **accepted presenter must agree to** record audio content to their slides and/or poster in the conference platform, prior to the event.

Research and EBP 30-minute Sessions

These sessions are 30 minutes in length with 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for Q&A.

Nursing research and EBP projects are essential for developing the scientific foundation for forensic nursing. IAFN invites the forensic nursing community to disseminate new nursing knowledge and the application of nursing knowledge into practice to promote the growth and validation of forensic nursing science.

- Research uses a methodology (quantitative or qualitative) to develop new nursing knowledge, based on scientific inquiry. A review of the literature is performed to identify gaps in nursing knowledge and research is used to develop new nursing knowledge. Research findings contribute to nursing knowledge.
- Evidence-based practice (EBP) seeks and applies the best clinical evidence that is available—often from research—to making patient-care decisions. The purpose of EBP is not to generate new knowledge, but to validate current knowledge. EBP translates the best clinical evidence available into clinical practice. Dissemination of a completed Doctor of Nursing Practice project exemplifies a presentation that is well-suited for these sessions.

90-minute Concurrent Sessions

90-minute sessions may address forensic nursing practice, anecdotal experiences, case review, and approaches to providing care for patients given unique situations or particular populations. Unlike research or EBP projects, these sessions—including quality and care improvement projects—typically do not require extensive literature

reviews and rigorous critical appraisal. Initiatives that address improving programs, services, or competence of people in the multidisciplinary team (MDT); improving services for specific populations; and/or using guidelines to improve practice are well-suited for the 90-minute session.

Poster Sessions

Developments involving a new forensic nursing project, a quality improvement project that produced an interesting outcome, and a research study in progress are prime subjects for a poster presentation. A poster presentation is an apt way to share this work. Poster sessions allow presenters to network with peers one-on-one, exchange ideas, and learn and share outside traditional conference sessions.

IAFN encourages students at all levels (BSN/MSN/DNP/PhD) to submit a poster presentation, specifically first-time presenters and researchers whose work is in progress. Present an early stage of a doctoral project to receive feedback from scholars and clinicians.

- Posters—available for viewing throughout the conference—will be judged for awards. Authors will present before an audience at a scheduled session.

Need Help Preparing Your Submission?

Watch this online webinar for guidance: *Share Your Expertise! Demystifying the IAFN Conference Application (Poster & Podium)*. Access the IAFN Online Learning Center [here](#) (sign in to your IAFN account or create an account), then click on Course Catalog, scroll down to the webinar title, and earn 1.5 contact hours for viewing the video. To view the video with **no earned credits**, click [here](#).

Tracks for Concurrent and Poster Sessions

- Administrative & Leadership
- Death Investigation
- General Forensic & Legal
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Multidisciplinary
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry & Corrections
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)

Track Descriptions

[Click here](#) to view a description of each conference track.

Who Should Submit an Abstract?

- Forensic Nurses and Students
- Nurse Administrators
- Nurse Researchers
- Nurse Educators
- Professionals in disciplines related to forensic nursing, including:
 - Law Enforcement

- Corrections
- Legal/Prosecution/Defense
- Program Administration
- Advocacy
- Death Investigation
- Forensic Psychiatry/Mental Health

Only abstracts conforming to these guidelines will be accepted:

- Submitters must submit abstracts via the online portal between November 29, 2023 through January 9, 2024.
- Submitters must complete submissions by 5:00 pm EST January 9, 2024.
- Abstracts must reflect a standard of excellence, including proper attribution and citation, and any institutional review board (IRB) approval.
- Submitters may revise until the deadline; no later revisions are accepted.
- IAFN policy and the commercial interest standard of the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the accrediting body of IAFN's Provider Unit, prohibit the promotion or endorsement of any commercial products.
- The submitter's abstract summary must declare any use of the session audience for research or data collection purposes.
- Each submission must include an educational planning table (EPT) and each presenter or person who controls the content must be complete/submit a disclosure/conflict of interest (COI) statement during the online submission.
- Submitters may submit abstracts previously submitted to other conferences. Presenters are responsible for adhering to the submission exclusivity/privacy guidelines of those conferences.

Evaluation Criteria for Abstracts and Posters

- Quality and originality
- Potential significance to the development of forensic nursing theory, concepts, policy, and/or evidence-based clinical practice or education
- Addresses social determinants of health, discrimination, structural racism, distribution of resources or built environments
- Relevance to contemporary issues and events in forensic nursing
- Clarity in communication of ideas

Abstract Withdrawal

If a submitter wishes to withdraw after submission, IAFN requests prompt withdrawal to allow time for a replacement. To withdraw an abstract: Log in to the Cadmium account and click on the abstract title to be withdrawn; click on the abstract title again

(in the gray box); scroll down to Abstract Status; and change from Active to Withdrawn.

Statement of Liability

Authors are responsible for obtaining all necessary permission and clearance for all research prior to submission. IAFN assumes no liability nor responsibility for any submitted material. Abstracts submitted assign all rights, titles, and interests to IAFN. IAFN solely owns any and all of the presentation given at the Annual Conference. Such presentation cannot be used without IAFN's prior written permission; a presenter may use their content in another venue/educational opportunity.

Confirmation

By late **March 2024**, IAFN will notify the **primary presenter** via email of acceptance or non-acceptance.

Additional Information

Submit an accurate email address; IAFN will conduct all correspondence via email.

Travel & Registration Information

- Each primary and co-presenter must **register and pay** to attend the Conference.
- Each presenter is responsible for arranging/providing their hotel and travel.
- Up to two presenters per 30- and/or 90-minute sessions may receive a discounted registration fee, which is non-transferable.
- Up to one presenter per poster presentation may receive a discounted registration fee, which is non-transferable.
- The registration fee includes all IAFN-provided Conference meals—as well as access to all sessions and events, including keynotes and exhibits.
- Presenters may note acceptance of their abstract(s) on their CV and/or for promotional purposes related to their research.

Credit Hours

Presenters do not receive contact hours for presenting because presenters cannot evaluate their own sessions. However, being registered, they may attend and evaluate other sessions to receive contact hours. In addition, they typically may claim the time spent presenting for SANE certification renewal purposes.

Questions?

Please contact: education@ForensicNurses.org