

Digital Health: Promise, Responsibility

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Welcome to the American Academy of Nursing's (Academy's) 2026 Health Policy Conference!



We are so thrilled to have Fellows, colleagues, students, family, friends, and honored guests come together to join the Academy in celebrating our vision of *healthy lives for all people*. We know this year's attendees have travelled far and wide—from across the country and around the globe—with a shared enthusiasm for nursing leadership and commitment to making impactful health policy changes.

Artificial intelligence is outpacing every technology that has come before it. In health care, the stakes have never been higher. Embracing and adopting these technologies demand accountability, foresight, and principled leadership. We are excited to have our speakers and attendees at this year's conference bring their perspectives on embracing new innovations and leading the charge in implementing ethical governance as new technologies are adopted. This year's conference will feature an AAN Science Research Showcase on the Hill, Institute for Nursing Leadership Workshop, poignant keynote presentations, and thought-provoking panel discussions.

Over the next three days, we will welcome a distinguished class of new Fellows, who will become the newest thought leaders in our organization; celebrate the incredible efforts of our four new Honorary Fellows; showcase the remarkable work of Academy awardees; and recognize six extraordinary pioneers of the profession as Living Legends. These celebrations, while fun and exciting, also create an even stronger bond among our Fellows and their recognition builds upon the foundation of our policy work. We have affirmed time and again that it is our collective expertise that has enabled our organization to thrive for over 50 years. It is an honor to celebrate this legacy with you.

The Board of Directors is excited for great collaboration, conversation, and inspiration throughout this year's conference. We look forward to presenting the organization's work to date at the annual business meeting on Saturday, which is open to all Fellows in good standing and new inductees. And we are proud to recognize our incredible Academy staff whose dedication and creativity continue to elevate the organization.

Finally, we would like to offer a deep appreciation to our Policy Conference Planning Advisory Committee, chaired by **Tim Cunningham**, DrPH, MSN, RN, FAAN, co-chaired by **Linda Laskowski Jones**, MS, APRN, ACNS-BC, CEN, NEA-BC, NREMT, FAWM, FAEN, FAAN, in conjunction with Board Member **Billy Rosa**, PhD, MBE, APRN, FAANP, FPCN, FAAN, along with the committee members:

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We are glad that you decided to come to our 2026 Health Policy Conference. Our collective learning and continued collaboration will strengthen the Academy's impact. Thank you for being a part of it.



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Greetings

American Academy of Nursing

2026 Health Policy Conference

October 8, 2026



As Mayor of Washington, DC, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to the participants and organizers of the American Academy of Nursing 2026 Health Policy Conference.

This important gathering convenes the nursing profession's foremost leaders and innovators to advance bold solutions to strengthen the nursing workforce, promote health equity, and enhance the health and vitality of our nation.

Under the theme, "Digital Health: Promise, Responsibility," your 2026 gathering provides an invaluable platform for dialogue and collaboration, and residents of the District of Columbia and the nation will benefit greatly from your work.

I extend congratulations to the 2026 Academy inductees, its Fellows, Honorary Fellows, Living Legends, and award winners who will be honored at this year's conference.

On behalf of the nearly 700,000 residents of Washington, DC, I offer my heartfelt congratulations on your 53rd Anniversary and my best wishes for a productive and memorable conference.

Muriel Bowser
Mayor, District of Columbia



About the Conference

The American Academy of Nursing (Academy) is proud to host its annual Health Policy Conference from October 8-10, 2026, at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC. This year's theme, *Digital Health: Promise, Responsibility*, will explore ethical and policy considerations within the rise of digital health and artificial intelligence.

As digital health innovations are rapidly developed and applied, it is vital to examine their promise while prioritizing the public's health and safety. These innovations, like artificial intelligence, are accelerating the speed at which the health care landscape is evolving, and leaders must ensure that implementation is responsible and responsive. This conference will explore emergent trends and governance considerations that will impact policy, regulation, and leadership in the context of ethics, accountability, the patient relationship, and scaling care models.

Learning Outcomes

As a result of attending the 2026 Health Policy Conference, participants will be able to:

- Discuss governance considerations in adopting digital health innovations to advance public health and person-centered care.
- Identify policy interventions that instill privacy, safety, transparency, and sustainability of emerging technologies.
- Describe risk mitigation strategies to advance the ethical use of digital health technologies.
- Outline leadership practices that reinforce accountability in the development through implementation of artificial intelligence and digital health tools.
- Differentiate approaches for scaling care models that integrate digital health innovations into practice.

Conference Evaluation

The meeting evaluation will be available online at the completion of the conference. Notification will be sent via email to all attendees. Please take the time to complete the evaluation form; your input and comments are essential in planning future Academy conferences. Contact hours will only be awarded to individuals who complete the conference evaluation.

Nursing Continuing Professional Development

The American Academy of Nursing is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Contact hours (11.5) are awarded by the American Academy of Nursing following the completion of the event and the post-conference evaluation.

Agenda

TIME	SESSION	ROOM
Thursday, October 8		
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration Open	Marquis Ballroom Foyer
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Institute for Nursing Leadership INL Breakfast <i>Sponsored by Jefferson Health and Thomas Jefferson University College of Nursing</i>	Independence Ballroom
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	INL Welcome Remarks	Independence Ballroom
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	INL Keynote <i>Sponsored by symplr</i>	Independence Ballroom
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	FAAN Shop Open	Marquis Salon 14
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Exhibits and Lounge Open <i>Sponsored by the University of South Florida College of Nursing</i>	Marquis Salons 12 & 13
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Break	
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	INL Breakout Session 1	
	<i>Option 1: Agents of Change: Utilizing Your Leadership to Improve Policy</i>	Independence Ballroom
	<i>Option 2: Swimming Upstream: Leading Innovatively</i>	Archives
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Break	
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	INL Breakout Session 2	
	<i>Option 1: Exercising Courageous Decision-Making in the Advent of Risk</i>	Independence Ballroom
	<i>Option 2: Leading in Times of Disruption</i>	Archives
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Lunch on Own	
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Breakout 1: Open Board Forum	Shaw & LeDroit Room
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Breakout 2: Experts on the Ground: What to Expect After the 2026 Mid-Term Elections	Independence Ballroom
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Innovation Summit: Building the Business Case for Nursing Innovation <i>Hosted by Edge Runners</i>	Archives
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Refreshment Interlude <i>Sponsored by Ohio State University</i>	Marquis Salons 12 & 13
2:00 PM - 2:10 PM	Conference Welcome	Marquis Ballroom
2:10 PM - 3:30 PM	Opening Keynote: Skepticism as Strategy: Health Care Leadership in the Age of the Moral Alibi <i>Sponsored by Jefferson Health and Thomas Jefferson University College of Nursing</i>	Marquis Ballroom
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Break	Marquis Salons 12 & 13
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Panel Presentation 1: The Essential Voice in Responsible and Responsive Digital Health Use: The Patient Perspective <i>Sponsored by Case Western Reserve University Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing</i>	Marquis Ballroom
5:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Day 1 Closing, Award Ceremony & Mission Reflection	Marquis Ballroom
5:15 PM - 6:15 PM	Conference Welcome Reception <i>Sponsored by Risepoint</i>	Marquis Ballroom Foyer
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	New Fellow Logistics Session + Reception <i>Sponsored by Florida State University (New Fellow Inductees Only)</i>	Independence Ballroom

TIME	SESSION	ROOM
Thursday Affiliate Receptions		
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Creighton University Reception	Judiciary Square Room
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Michigan Nursing Colleges Reception	Magnolia Room
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	SEC Schools of Nursing Reception	Monument Room
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	NurseTRUST Reception	Cherry Blossom Room
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	The Ohio State University College of Nursing Reception	Silver Linden Room
6:45 PM - 8:45 PM	UAB Alumni and Friends Reception	Supreme Court Room
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	University of Washington Reception	Mount Vernon Room
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Duke University Reception	Tulip Room
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Indiana University School of Nursing Reception	Scarlet Oak Room
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	UNC System Reception	Dogwood Room
Friday, October 9		
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Registration Open	Marquis Ballroom Foyer
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	FAAN Shop Open	Marquis Salon 14
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Exhibits and Lounge Open <i>Sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh</i>	Marquis Salons 12 & 13
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Donor Breakfast (By Invitation Only)	Dogwood Room
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Poster Session 1	Chinatown Room
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Day 2 Welcome & Policy Catalyst Award	Marquis Ballroom
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Panel Presentation 2: The Health Risks Driven by Algorithms: An Ethical Conversation <i>Sponsored by Case Western Reserve University Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing</i>	Marquis Ballroom
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	Lunch on Own	
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM	Past Presidents' Luncheon (By Invitation Only)	Rose Garden
12:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Panel Presentation 3: Resilience and Regulation: A Global and Environmental AI Lens <i>Sponsored by Case Western Reserve University Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing</i>	Marquis Ballroom
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Day 2 Closing & Awards	Marquis Ballroom
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Refreshment Interlude <i>Sponsored by Binghamton University</i>	Marquis Ballroom
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Poster Session 2	Chinatown Room
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Presidential Reception (By Invitation Only)	Tulip Room
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Poster Session 3	Chinatown Room
4:45 PM - 6:00 PM	President's Circle Happy Hour (By Invitation Only)	Shaw LeDroit Room
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Living Legends Dinner & Ceremony <i>Sponsored by RWJBarnabas Health with Support from AARP, Cedars-Sinai, the University of Washington, and additional support from Children's Mercy Kansas City</i>	Marquis Ballroom
Friday Affiliate Receptions		
8:00 PM - 10:30 PM	American Nurses Association Reception	Union Station Room
8:30 PM - 10:30 PM	Celebrating Minnesota's Nurse Leaders Reception	Silver Linden Room

TIME	SESSION	ROOM
Friday Affiliate Receptions (cont.)		
8:30 PM - 10:30 PM	Loyola University Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing & University of Illinois Chicago Nursing Reception	Cherry Blossom Room
8:30 PM - 10:30 PM	University of Iowa College of Nursing Reception	Dogwood Room
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies Reception	Scarlet Oak Room
9:00 PM - 10:30 PM	NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing Reception	Tulip Room
9:00 PM - 10:30 PM	Virginia Schools of Nursing Reception	Shaw Room
Saturday, October 10		
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Academy Business Meeting	Marquis Ballroom
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Exhibits & Lounge Open <i>Sponsored by Duke University School of Nursing</i>	Marquis Salons 12 & 13
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Refreshment Interlude <i>Sponsored by Vanderbilt University</i>	Marquis Salons 12 & 13
10:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration Open	Marquis Ballroom Foyer
10:30 AM - 4:00 PM	FAAN Shop Open	Marquis Salon 14
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Closing Keynote: Linda D. Scott Legacy Lectureship	Marquis Ballroom
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	Conference Closing	Marquis Ballroom
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch on Own	
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Interactive Breakout 1: How to Engage in the New Policy Structure and AAN Science	Chinatown Room
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Interactive Breakout 2: Reversing the Trend: Strategies to Restore Investment in the Scientific Enterprise	Shaw & LeDroit Park Rooms
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Interactive Breakout 3: Contemporary Edge: The Art, Precision, and Sophistication of Translating AI into Practice	Archives
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	New Fellow Reception & Toast <i>Sponsored by Emory University</i>	Independence Ballroom
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Doors Open for Induction Ceremony	Marquis Ballroom
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Induction Ceremony <i>Sponsored by Mount Sinai with Support from Stanford Health and the Jean Watson Caring Science Institute</i>	Marquis Ballroom
7:45 PM - 10:30 PM	Soiree + Band <i>Supported by Loyola University Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing</i>	Independence Ballroom
Saturday Affiliate Receptions		
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing's Institute for Policy Solutions Reception	Tulip Room
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Jean Watson Caring Science Institute, Stanford Health Care and Kaiser Permanente Scholars Academy Reception	Silver Linden Room
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Duquesne University Reception	Dogwood Room
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Pitt Nursing & Penn State Reception	Cherry Blossom Room
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	All Together for Boston Reception	Scarlet Oak Room
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Penn Nursing Reception	Tulip Room
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Rush University Reception	Dupont Circle Room
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	TruMerit, Mayo Clinic, and Florida State University Honoree Reception	Judiciary Square Room
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	University of California Schools of Nursing Reception	Mount Vernon Square Room
8:00 PM - 10:30 PM	Thomas Jefferson University & Jefferson Health Reception	Magnolia Room

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SPEAKER BIOS

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Exhibitors

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Saturday, October 10
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Convention Jewelry by A Fashion Hayvin, Inc.

Booth 2601 | www.conventionjewelry.com/

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Pace University

Booth 2602 | <https://www.pace.edu/college-health-professions/departments/nursing/programs/admission-requirements-instructions/nursing-accelerated-bs>

Established in 2010, Pace University's College of Health Professions (CHP) offers a broad range of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs designed to meet the evolving needs of the health care field. Through innovative, interdisciplinary education, CHP prepares students to succeed in a complex and rapidly changing health care landscape.

These programs are designed to prepare graduates for impactful careers in health care practice, health-related research, or as educators, and equip graduates to work in health policy and global health fields. Students in clinical programs receive hands-on training in The Center for Excellence in Healthcare Simulation and have the opportunity to apply their developing skills in real-world settings at many of the regions' leading clinical facilities.

Elsevier

Booth 2603 | elsevier.com/health/nursing/journals

Nursing Outlook, the official journal of the Academy and CANS, examines current issues and trends in nursing practice, education and research, offering progressive solutions to the challenges facing the profession. Elsevier is a leader in information and analytics for customers across the global research and health ecosystems.

Exhibitors (*cont.*)

AIDS Healthcare Foundation

Booth 2604 | <https://www.aidshealth.org/>

The Los Angeles-based AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) is a global nonprofit organization providing high-quality HIV care and services to those in need. We generate new, innovative ways of treating and addressing barriers to care for our clients through a network of pharmacies, thrift stores, health and wellness centers, affordable housing locations, and food-service programs.

Founded in 1987, AHF began as a network of hospices committed to “fighting for the living and caring for the dying.” Since then, AHF has expanded, turning hospices into healthcare centers, and building a new paradigm for HIV care both in the United States and around the world.

Under the leadership of President and co-founder Michael Weinstein, AHF has grown from a group of friends dedicated to creating dignified hospice care to the largest AIDS organization in the world. President Michael Weinstein has been at the forefront of creating cutting-edge healthcare and advocacy programs and continues to drive the organization forward with the aim of saving more lives around the world.

Mass General Brigham University of Health Professions

Booth 2605 | www.mgbu.edu

Mass General Brigham University offers a tested and proven approach to health professions education — grounded in a commitment to health equity and defined by collaboration. As part of Mass General Brigham, our University students learn within one of the world’s leading healthcare systems. Our interprofessional model and unwavering dedication to health equity ensure that graduates are clinically prepared and purpose-driven. From day one, students train the way they’ll practice: together, in service of better care and better outcomes.

Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence

Booth 2606 | <https://www.coloradonursingcenter.org/>

The Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence (The Center) is one of two awardees of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) National Nursing Home Staffing Campaign. The Center will be promoting the campaign at the AAN conference through this exhibit booth.

Dr. Sellars Educate, LLC

Booth 2607 | <https://www.drsellarseducate.com/>

Dr. Sellars Educate is a professional development and certification preparation platform designed for nurse educators and nurse leaders.

Abstracts

FRIDAY 10/9 | Poster Session 1 | 9:00 AM - 9:20 AM

EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE, QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, & HISTORICAL RESEARCH

SCREEN 1

A Five-Step checklist to Operationalize Responsible AI in Nursing Education: An Evidence-Based Roadmap to Advance Equity, Governance, and Workforce Readiness

Lori Lioce, DNP, FNP-BC, CHSE-A, CHSOS, FAANP, FAAN, FSSH
UAB School of Nursing

SCREEN 2

Beyond the Knowledge Ceiling: A Nursing Framework for Structural Redesign and Reduced Length of Stay

Beth Kramer, DNP, AGCNS-BC, CBN
BJC/Barnes Jewish Hospital

SCREEN 3

Nurse-Led Artificial Intelligence in Community Care: Advancing Digital Health and Health Equity

Maria Reila Molina, DNP, AGACNP-BC, FAANP
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

SCREEN 4

Turning Chaos into Clarity: A Transformational, Systems-Based Model for Competency-Based Curriculum Design in Advanced Nursing Education

Barbara Chapman, DNP, MBA, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, EBP-C, NHDP-BE, PMHNP-BC
The University of North Texas Health, Fort Worth, Texas

SCREEN 5

Innovating Blood Collection Practices in Adult Acute-Care Patients

Chandra Simpson, MSN, RN, CCRN, PCCN, SSGBC
Pennsylvania Hospital

SCREEN 6

The Nursing Way: A Nurse-Led Digital Platform to Advance Workforce Well-Being and Health Equity

Mary Rockwood Lane, PhD, RN, FAAN
THE NURSING WAY/ Watson Caring Science/ University of Florida College of Nursing

SCREEN 7

Reducing Patient Falls Through AI-Enabled Fall Prevention Platform

Monique Bouvier, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC
Emory Healthcare and Emory University

SCREEN 8

From Scutari to COVID-19: Florence Nightingale, Epidemics, and the Enduring Lessons of Prevention

Patricia Zrelak, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, ASC-BC, CNRN, SCRNP, CCRN, CPHQ, PHN, FAHA, FAAN
Kaiser Permanente

Abstracts (*cont.*)

FRIDAY 10/9 | Poster Session 1 | 9:20 AM - 9:40 AM

HISTORICAL RESEARCH & QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

SCREEN 2

The United States Supreme Court and Health Care Reform

Robert Coghlan III, PhD, RN, MSN, MA, CNS, FNP
UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing

SCREEN 3

Mary Seacole, Nursing Recognition, and the Policy Implications of Historical Memory

Patricia Zrelak, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, ASC-BC, CNRN, SCRNP, CCRN, CPHQ, PHN, FAHA, FAAN
Kaiser Permanente

SCREEN 4

Exploring Nurse Title Protection Acts: Looking to the past, preparing for the future

Hollie Gentry, DNP, APN, WHNP-BC, CNE
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, School of Nursing

SCREEN 5

Scaling Virtual Nursing Competencies Across Pre-licensure Programs: An Academic-Practice Quality Improvement Initiative Translating Johns Hopkins Health System Best Practice Statewide

Deborah Baker, DNP, ACNP, FAAN
Johns Hopkins Health System

SCREEN 6

NP Onboarding and Mentoring Using a Human Centered Leadership Approach to Sustain a Thriving Workforce

Honore Kotler, DNP, RN, ACNP-BC, CCTC
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

SCREEN 7

Decoupling Mobility from Therapy: A Nursing Framework for Resource Optimization and Reduced Length of Stay

Kristin Knobloch, DNP, APRN-CNS, CCNS
BJC/Barnes Jewish Hospital

SCREEN 8

Closing the Stage 1 Pressure Injury Skin Tone Gap: Skin Tone Assessment for Greater Equity (STAGE)

Susan Solmos, PhD, RN, CWCN
Ascension Health

Abstracts (*cont.*)

FRIDAY 10/9 | Poster Session 1 | 9:40 AM - 10:00 AM

RESEARCH

SCREEN 1

Specialty Registered Nurse Certification Reduces Acute Care Costs: Evidence for Value-Based Workforce Policy

David Ryamukuru, PhD, RN
Johns Hopkins University School Nursing

SCREEN 2

Screening Plus MINDBODYSTRONG Yields Improvements in Nurse Burnout and Mental Health Outcomes: Findings From A RCT

Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN
The Ohio State University

SCREEN 3

Nurse-Led Behavioral Intervention for Lymphatic Pain

Mei Rosemary Fu, PhD, RN, FAAN
University of Missouri-Kansas City

SCREEN 4

Informing Workforce Policy: A Qualitative Synthesis of Women's Return-to-Work Decisions and Experiences After Maternity Leave

Safiye Sahin, PhD, RNE
Loma Linda University

SCREEN 5

Virtual Nursing and Acute Care Outcomes: Associations with Readmissions, Emergency Department Visits, and Patient Experience

Franz Henryk Vergara, PhD, DNP, MAS, RN, CENP, NEA-BC, CCM, ONC, FAAN
MedStar Health

SCREEN 6

Extracting Pediatric Social Needs from Clinical Notes Using Open-source Large Language Models

Amy Lisanti, PhD, RN, CCNS, FAHA
University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing

SCREEN 8

Utilizing Digital Health Tools to Explore Relationships Between Parenting Practices and Pediatric Carotenoid Status

Amy Hutchens, PhD, RN, CNE
The University Of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Fran and Earl Ziegler College of Nursing

SCREEN 9

Severe Maternal Morbidity Across Texas: Operationalizing CDC Indicators to Expose Geographic Differences and Inform Policy

Antay Waters, PhD, DNP, APRN, CNM, WHNP-BC, CRNFA, CNE, C-EFM, C-OBE, CNOR-SURG-OB, FNPWH
The University of Texas at Tyler

Abstracts (*cont.*)

FRIDAY 10/9 | Poster Session 2 | 3:00 PM - 3:20 PM

IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION

SCREEN 1

Development of an AI Use Framework for Nursing Education

Jeanne Moore, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE
Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing

SCREEN 2

Leveraging the Betty Irene Moore Fellowship Network to Build National Nursing Research Infrastructure

Kimberly Souffront, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAHA, FAAN
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

SCREEN 3

Text-SAFE: Designing Ethical Digital Follow-Up for Sexual Assault Survivors

Nancy Downing, PhD, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, FAAFS, FAAN
University of North Texas Health College of Nursing

SCREEN 4

The Nurses in the Loop Approach: An Important Enabler of Successful Technology Adoption

Nancye Feistritzer, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN
Emory Healthcare

SCREEN 5

Strengthening Workforce Safety in Healthcare: A Standardized Leadership Response Model for Workplace Violence Prevention

Kaleena Soorma, DNP, RN, NEA-BC
Mount Sinai

SCREEN 6

Executive Alignment for System Reliability and Digital Readiness in Rural Hospitals

Yvette Riker, DNP, MSN, CRNA
Reeves Regional Health

SCREEN 7

Nurse-Led Hypertension Screening in Harlem: Advancing Equity Through Community-Based Screening

Caroline Austin-Mattison, DNP, FNP-BC
The Mount Sinai Hospital

SCREEN 8

Leadership Readiness for Digital Transformation in Rural Hospitals

JohnRich Levine, DNP, DPA, DBA
Reeves Regional Health

SCREEN 9

Digital Trauma-Informed Care Resources to Reduce First Responder Burnout

Heather Ross, PhD, DNP, FAAN, FAANP
Arizona State University

Abstracts (*cont.*)

FRIDAY 10/9 | Poster Session 2 | 3:20 PM - 3:40 PM

IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION

SCREEN 1

Building Political Acculturation in Nursing: An Ecological Systems Approach to Advocacy Development

Lynn Mohr, PhD, APRN, PCNS-BC, CPN, FCNS, FAAN
Rush University College of Nursing

SCREEN 2

Policy Impacts of the Environmental Health Research Institute for Nurse and Clinician Scientists, an NIH-funded Research Training Program

Julie Postma, PhD, RN
Washington State University College of Nursing

SCREEN 4

Scaling Digital Parent Training to Advance Health Equity: Developing and Evaluating Sustainable Resources for ezParent Hybrid Delivery

Taylor Flatt, MSN, PMHNP-BC
The Ohio State University

SCREEN 5

Intergenerational Intelligence to Strengthen Digital Health Workforce Readiness: Policy Implications for Nursing

Hannah Anderson Hughes, PhD, MBA, RN, CNE, NEA-BC
University of Maryland Global Campus

SCREEN 6

Clinically Based Nurse Scientist (CBNS)-Led Infrastructure As a Scalable Solution to Fragmented Nursing Research Training Pipelines

Kimberly Souffront, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAHA, FAAN
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

SCREEN 7

Strengthening IPV Assessment in Maternal Health Research: Implementation and Evaluation of a National Education Program to Advance Maternal Health Equity

Jessica Williams, PhD, MPH, PHNA-BC, FAAN
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing

Abstracts (*cont.*)

FRIDAY 10/9 | Poster Session 2 | 3:40 PM - 4:00 PM

RESEARCH

SCREEN 1

Regulating AI in Nursing and Healthcare: Ensuring Safety, Equity, and Accessibility in the Era of Federal Innovation Policy

Richard Ricciardi, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, FRCSI
The George Washington University

SCREEN 2

AI-Guided Pre-Briefing and Debriefing in Virtual Reality Nursing Simulation

Hyunsook Shin, PhD, RN, CPNP, FAAN
Kyung Hee University

SCREEN 3

Digital Health, Digital Divide: Validating EHR-Based Recruitment for Older Adults with Cancer

Dongmei Zuo, PhD, PhD, MS
University of Texas Health at San Antonio
School of Nursing

SCREEN 4

Potential Epigenetic Pathways Linking Social Vulnerability to Hypertensive Risk in Pregnancy and Postpartum

Forgive Avorgbedor, PhD, RN
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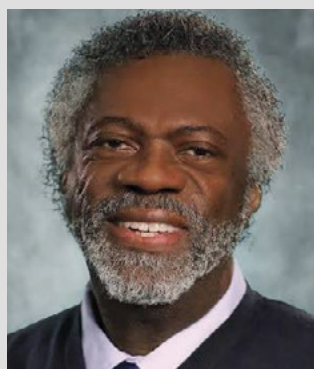
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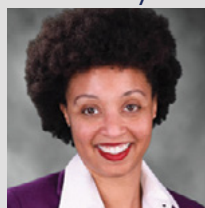
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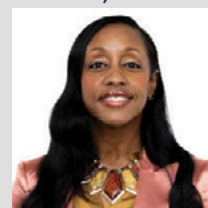
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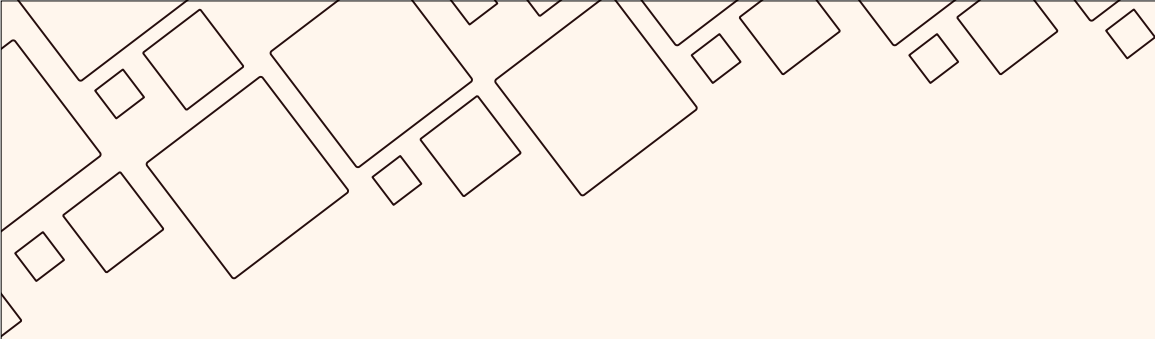
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