

The Volusia Flagler Advanced Practice Nursing Council

invites you to participate in the

5th Annual Sunshine Conference

June 4 - 5, 2010

You are invited to submit an abstract for a poster presentation. The VFAPNC Conference Committee will consider all abstracts concerning issues that are of high significance to advanced practice nursing, based on historical, clinical research or practical experience. Contributions should focus on practice, education, research, knowledge transfer, and policy. Relevance to advanced practice nursing (primary health care nurse practitioner, acute care nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife or other advanced nursing roles) is required.

The 5th Annual Sunshine Conference offers an educational forum for advanced practice nurses, policy makers, researchers, executives and managers within our local communities, and throughout the state of Florida.

A poster is an opportunity to communicate the meaning of research through visualization. It may be an overview of a topic, problem, question, or case study. Posters are less formal, more interactive, and may provoke argument. Your poster will be on view throughout the conference, in major social areas, so attendees will have the opportunity to view them at any time, thus the main idea should be clear without explanation. However, the poster presenter is expected to be present at the poster presentation during designated poster sessions.

Authors may submit abstracts of completed work or work in progress. All work submitted for presentation must be original. The onus remains with the primary author to ensure all authors/institutions consent to the material being presented at the conference. Abstracts will be selected through a peer-review process. One presenter for each selected presentation will be given courtesy registration but will assume travel, dining and lodging expenses. Co/secondary authors will be responsible for all costs associated with attending the conference.

Abstract Guidelines:

Abstracts are limited to one page, single spaced, with one-inch margins, and should not contain more than 250 words, not counting title and authors.

1. Abstract titles should be brief and reflect the content of the abstract.
2. Abstracts should be structured to include: (i) an introductory sentence indicating the purpose of the presentation; (ii) a brief description of pertinent research or other method(s) adopted; (iii) a summary of new, unpublished data and/or other relevant facts and solutions; (iv) a conclusion
3. Only standard abbreviations should be used and kept to a minimum. Also include three learning objectives for your poster presentation.
4. There is no limit for the number of abstract submissions per presenting author.

To submit an abstract, or with any questions on posters, send via email to Karen Edmondson; ksedrn@greatnurse.com

Abstracts will be accepted through by May 15, 2010. Following a peer review process, you will be advised of the status of your abstract by May 20, 2010

Poster Guidelines:

Posters should be:

- brief and clearly organized;
- simple, with an obvious theme; and
- easy to read from 4 to 6 feet away.

Poster Dimensions:

- All posters must fit into a 36" x 48" space.
- Trifold or laminated posters should be used.
- Binder clips, tape and tacks will be provided.

Poster Set up and Removal:

- Set up on evening of June 4, 2010
- Remove on June 5, 2010 at close of conference

Authorization and Consent

The submitting author is required to complete an authorization and consent statement, including all co-authors. The onus remains with the submitting author to ensure all authors/institutions consent to the material being presented at the conference. You must agree to the following.

I warrant that the material used in my presentation will be original and not violate the rights of any third party.

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Abstract Format Sample

Title (in bold): A Survey of Oncology Advanced Practice Nurses in Ontario: Profile and Predictors of Job Satisfaction

Name(s) of authors (presenting author underlined), institution, city, country, postal code:

Abstract (No more than 250 words)

Introduction and purpose: Ontario, Canada has witnessed a significant increase in the numbers and new types of advanced practice nursing (APN) roles in cancer care. This presentation will describe the results of a study designed to identify and describe the characteristics of oncology APNs, their practice environments, and their roles across the cancer continuum. APN, organizational, and other role factors influencing job satisfaction will also be examined.

Methods or approach: APNs caring for adult, pediatric, or palliative patients in Ontario integrated regional cancer programs, tertiary care hospitals or community hospitals and agencies were invited to complete a mailed self-report questionnaire.

Information summary or results: A total of 73 of 77 APNs participated in the study. Most APNs (55%) were acute care nurse practitioners employed by regional cancer programs or tertiary care hospitals. Adult patients with breast or hematological cancers and those receiving initial treatment or palliative care were the primary focus of APN roles. APN education needs related to specialization in oncology, leadership and research were identified. Overall, APNs were only minimally satisfied with their roles. Role confidence ($b = 0.404$, $p = 0.001$) and the number of overtime hours ($b = -0.313$, $p = 0.008$) were respective positive and negative predictors of APN job satisfaction.

Conclusions and recommendations: Progress has been made in the development of oncology APN roles in Ontario. Recommendations for improving role development and expanding the delivery of oncology APN services will be provided.