

**Consultation-Liaison Special Interest Group
10th Annual Conference
in collaboration with
the Victorian Branch and
Perinatal / Infant Mental Health Nurses**

MENTAL HEALTH NURSES: MAXIMISING POTENTIAL

7th & 8th June 2012

Pre-conference workshops 6th June

Carson Conference Centre

ANF House

540 Elizabeth St Melbourne

The focus of this conference is on the work of mental health nurses in practice settings where mental health care is not the predominant focus. This includes general hospitals, emergency departments, nursing homes, community health centres, perinatal services and other general or specialised health services. Nurses working in these settings attend to the mental health care of clients alongside clinicians not specifically educated in mental health. This brings particular challenges and rewards.

What are your experiences? What are you able to share with colleagues that help us develop our practice?

Call for abstracts: see over



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Abstracts are invited for papers from Mental Health Nurses working in practice settings where mental health care is not the predominant focus. If you work in such a role, consider aspects of your nursing practice that are worthy of further discussion, articulation and / or debate.

Think simply. Sometimes it is the simplest interventions that we take for granted, that can have the greatest potential for the patient, their relatives, the staff or the system. We can underestimate our skills and knowledge and get surprised at the difference we can make. It is these interventions that we need to identify, articulate and share.

If you are a first time presenter, this conference is a supportive forum. If you would like assistance let us know-we can support you and have a buddy there to help you on the day or to help you write your abstract and presentation.

Abstracts close: 31st March 2012

Send your abstract to Tim Wand Timothy.Wand@sswahs.nsw.gov.au in the following format:

- Title of abstract
- Name
- Position
- Place of work
- 250 word abstract with a minimum of formatting and no references
- Brief Presenter Profile (100 words)
- Contact details including email, mailing address, phone and fax numbers



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