

Call for abstracts



Mental Health Nursing in Primary Care: putting the pieces together

5th Primary Mental Health Care Conference, Australian College of Mental Health Nurses
Rydges Lakeside, Canberra 16 & 17 March 2012

The Conference

Mental Health Nursing in Primary Care: putting the pieces together will focus on how nursing services are playing an integral role in primary mental health care by drawing on the traditional strength of nursing care whilst also working in innovative ways. It will showcase the ways nurses are delivering holistic and consumer centred services to their communities: through social enterprises and diverse funding arrangements, in partnerships with social and community services, within multidisciplinary teams.

With the advent of primary mental health care programs such as the Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program and Medicare rebates for consultations with Nurse Practitioners, mental health nursing services are being delivered in primary care. They are putting together the pieces with consumers, their families, health professionals and other service providers to deliver outcomes for their communities. This conference is a major networking and professional development opportunity for all nurses with an interest in primary mental health care.

Call for Abstracts:

We are seeking papers that will demonstrate how mental health nurses are putting the pieces together:

- within social enterprises and non-health organisations to enable the delivery of nursing services within primary health care
- working in partnerships and collaborations to deliver integrated services for consumers
- capitalising on developments in the primary mental health care landscape, and
- blending traditional nursing approaches with innovative service delivery targeting hard to reach populations.

Presentation format

Abstracts are invited for

- 25 minute presentations, inclusive of 5 minute question time, and
- 10 minute presentations, inclusive of questions, to be delivered to a series of small groups.

Abstract guidelines

1. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words including introduction, body and conclusion or findings.

2. Abstracts should be in Arial 12 point font, single spacing, justified and paginated for A4.

3. Include the title of presentation, the name of the authors, their positions/ titles and the name of their organisations.

4. Include address, phone, fax and email contact of main author.

5. Indicate whether the abstract is for a 25 minute presentation or a 10 minute presentation or both formats.

6. Ensure the Abstract relates to the theme of the conference.

Abstract submissions

Please submit your abstract via email to enquiries@acmhn.org no later than Monday 16 January. The abstract should be sent as an attachment in Microsoft Word (97/2003 compatible).

If you submit an abstract for consideration, at least one presenter must also intend to register for the Conference. See www.acmhn.org to register.

Further information

Please email enquiries@acmhn.org or phone 1300 667 079.



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