

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ORGANIZATION OF *Nurse Leaders*



CALL FOR POSTER ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are invited for poster presentations for the SWPONL 2009 Annual Conference. SWPONL's Annual Conference will take place September 10-11, 2009 at Nemacolin Woodlands Resort in Pennsylvania's beautiful Laurel Highlands and will gather nurse leaders from Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio to celebrate the individual and collective achievements of nurse leaders and administrators from the region. We offer many exciting programs, including a keynote address, plenary sessions, exhibits, posters, concurrent sessions, a networking dinner, and the annual membership meeting. It is a time for nurse leaders to network and share ideas about unique practice methods and problem solving in a variety of healthcare settings.

Poster abstracts should be of a completed or in progress nursing leadership innovative approach, special project, etc. Posters will be on display in the exhibit hall and available to attendees during breaks, meals and exhibit hours.

Apply Electronically

Visit www.swponl.org and view the Poster Application for complete application details.

To apply you will need:

- Names, contact information, and brief bios for all presenters
- A specified theme or subtheme (see below) that best matches the content of your poster.
- 2-5 Educational Objectives
- A paragraph/abstract (up to 300 words) that describes the content of your poster.

All applications must be submitted online to SWPONL at info@swponl.org by July 31, midnight EST.

Selection Process

All poster abstracts are subjected to a "blind" peer review. Selection criterion includes relevance to the conference theme & sub-themes, scholarship and creativity.

Notification

All abstracts will be acknowledged as received within two weeks of being successfully submitted. Abstracts will not be accepted after July 31, 2009 midnight EST. The selection process will be completed and all primary authors notified of the outcome by August 4, 2009. All poster presenters are responsible for meeting registration fees and all other expenses incurred.

For Additional Information or Assistance: Please contact Mary A. O'Connor, Ph.D., RN at occonnor@cup.edu.

SWPONL Annual Meeting Event Details

Dates:

September 10-11, 2009

Location:

Nemacolin Woodlands
Resort
Laurel Highlands, PA

Deadline for Abstracts:

July 31, 2009

Registration:

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SWPONL Annual Conference Poster Abstract Themes & Subthemes

(Based on AONE's Education & Research Priorities: <http://www.aone.org/aone/edandcareer/priorities.html>)

Design of Future Patient Care Delivery Systems

Nurse leaders are active and recognized leaders in the design, implementation and evaluation of future patient care delivery systems that effectively leverage human, financial and technological resources to produce high-quality, safe, and patient-centered healthcare:

- New technology, patient safety, and work environment that allow strategies for improvements crucial to the success of the delivery system.
- Promoting the design and implementation of patient care delivery systems that are congruent with the diversity of health belief systems within local communities and their patient populations.
- Promoting the design and implementation of shared governance/shared decision-making models
- New patient care delivery models.

Healthful Practice Environments

- Practice environments that attract and retain nurses.
- Professional growth and continuous learning, including mentoring of staff nurses and nursing leaders.
- Positive practice environments that are based on the Nursing Organization Alliance (NOA) Principles and Elements of a Healthful Practice/Work Environment.
- Future Patient Care Delivery Systems for health environments that encompass judiciously securing and using technology and resources, developing provider and patient safety guidelines, and promoting diversity in the workforce.
- Designing, implementing and evaluating healthful practice environments.
- Promoting the design and implementation of shared governance/shared decision-making models.

Leadership

- Evidence-based leadership capacity.
- Measurement of patient care quality outcomes.
- Technology to complement patient care.
- Working with a diverse workforce and a diverse patient population.
- Ensuring safe practice and environments.
- Effective and collaborative organizational cultures.
- Promoting the value of nursing leadership.
- Mentoring aspiring nurse leaders and engaging in effective succession planning.
- Expanding professional development opportunities to address the needs of pre-executive nurse constituencies.

Positioning Nurse Leaders as Valued Healthcare Executives and Managers

- Patient safety and quality.
- Disaster preparedness.
- Workforce shortages.
- Information technology.
- Nurse Executive Competencies.
- The development of leadership skills as an essential part of positioning nurses as valued members of a healthcare leadership team.
- Fostering the development of evidence-based nursing leadership practice.
- Development of future patient care delivery systems and practice environments.
- Catalysts for encouraging aspiring nurse leaders to pursue management and executive level positions.