



NORTH AMERICA REGION 14



Nurses Dismantling Health Disparities

Sigma Region 14 Biennial Conference 2020

Sunday, November 15, 2020 * 8:30 am to 2:30 pm * Virtual

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Podium and Poster Presentations

Abstract Submission Deadline: September 1, 2020



The President's Call to Action inspires nurses to experience joy in achieving Sigma's vision of global nursing excellence.

"As Sigma members, we are well positioned to infuse joy into practice in clinical, administrative, academic, research, and policy settings. This Call to Action highlights three essential elements — the ABCs — that promote joy: Awareness, Balance and Purpose, and Co-creation."

*Richard Ricciardi, PhD, CRNP, FAANP, FAAN
President, Sigma, 2019-2021*

<https://www.sigmanursing.org/why-sigma/organizational-leadership/presidential-call-to-action-2019-2021>

Region 14 Biennial Conference 2020 Program Outcome - Analyze ways nurses are addressing health disparities to improve global health outcomes.

Abstracts should demonstrate nurses' efforts to achieve the elimination of health disparities. Additionally, presentations should feature an element of the ABCs of the Call to Action.

An anonymous version of the abstract will be peer-reviewed using the Sigma Abstract Rubric. https://www.sigmanursing.org/docs/default-source/events-documents/sigma_abstract_rubric.pdf?sfvrsn=78c33af2_6

Contact km3141@cumc.columbia.edu with questions.

Abstract Guidelines:

A complete abstract submission includes the following submitted on the Abstract Submission Form:

1. **Author:** The primary presenting author should be listed first in the order of authors.
For credentials, list the highest degree per discipline. If author is a student nurse who has not yet completed a degree, use "SN" as credential.
All communications will be directed to the primary presenting author only.
Notification of abstract decision will be sent by email by October 1, 2020.
Abstract acceptance will be conditional upon conference registration by the presenting author.
An Intent to Present and Disclosure of Conflict of Interest and Presenter Profile form for each author of an accepted presentation must be returned by October 15, 2020.
Presenting author(s) must meet technology requirements for a Zoom meeting.
2. **Presentation Title:** Maximum of 15 words
3. **Author selects preferred format:** Podium or Poster presentation.
 - **Podium presentation:** A 15 minute oral presentation by one or more authors. Oration may be accompanied by visual presentation of no more than 15 slides. Each oral presentation will be followed by a 5 minute question and answer session.
 - **Poster presentation:** A 3 minute oral presentation by one author accompanied by a visual presentation of one (1) slide. Posters will be grouped. Each group will be followed by a 5 minute question and answer session.
4. **Author selects preferred presentation mode:** Live presentation or Prerecorded presentation. Live presentations are preferred. Prerecorded presentations may be accepted.
5. **Abstract Summary Statement:** A description of what participants can expect from the presentation (less than 50 words).
6. **Learning Outcomes:** List three (3) learner outcomes of the presentation.
7. **Keywords:** List three (3) keywords that relate to the topic and/or practice setting of the presentation.
8. **References:** List three (3) recent scholarly references (e.g. peer-reviewed journal articles, books; no older than five years, unless it is a seminal work). Rubric amended to specify 3 references. Use APA style for order of reference items.
9. **Call to Action:** Identify which element of the Call to Action will be featured in the presentation.
10. **Abstract title, and content must be original (not previously published or presented) and focused on the conference theme.** A study, project, or work may yield multiple findings, therefore several original publications or presentations may be generated. To be eligible to present, abstract submissions must contain an original title, abstract text, and presentation content (i.e., different view, perspective, or focus). Abstracts may highlight original or translational research, evidence for practice, quality improvement projects, or programmatic innovations in any nursing practice setting. Formatting should be consistent with the type of project being presented (e.g. research should include background, methods, and results). Include summary recommendations for others who may be considering a similar approach.