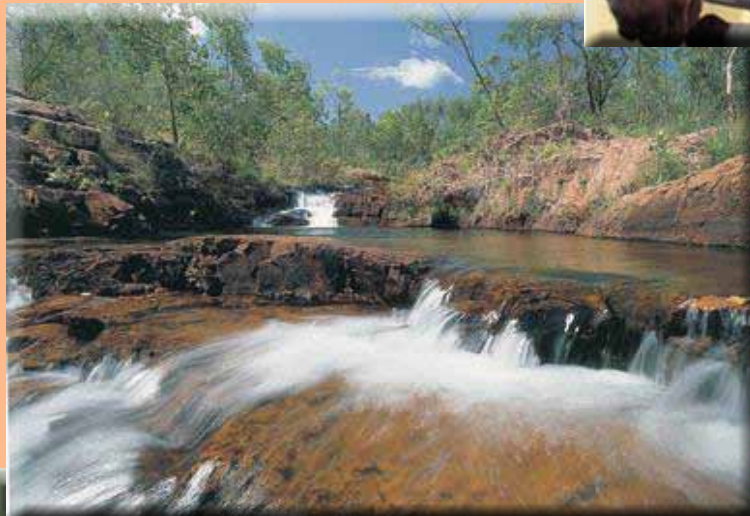


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TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES:

DARE TO BE DIVERSE

22 - 26 MAY 2012

Call for Abstracts





Within the Health Care System there are many boundaries. These may be boundaries defined by a State or Territory's borders and requires perioperative practitioners to abide by State and Territory regulations. In Australia Perioperative Nurses may be required to care for patients who come from outside our country boundaries as refugees seeking a new life in this wonderful country. They also may be professional boundaries placed there by tradition and serve to maintain the status quo or the territory bound by the profession. Territorial Boundaries may be described as the tyranny of distance, which often provides barriers, and challenges to cost effective and responsive patient care services.

What ever the Territorial Boundaries are that you would like to share with your colleagues at this conference we encourage you to be creative and descriptive in your definition and outline of the paper or poster you want to present at this fantastic 15th National Conference for Perioperative Nurses. We have the challenge and the mandate to Dare to be Diverse as nurses and we seek strategies to respond to the Territorial Boundaries that affect us all in our quest to provide the best quality of services to the patients in our care!

Call for Abstracts

Scientific papers are invited for oral presentations. Authors should submit abstracts written in English to Taylored Images no later than Friday 20th January 2012. Papers received after this date will not be accepted for inclusion in the program. If some form of ecological or environmentally sustainable perioperative practice is the topic of your presentation please apply for the Multigate Australian Education Grant Award, details of which can be found on the conference website.

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All abstracts submitted are subject to review by the Scientific Program Committee and will, if accepted, be assigned to either oral or poster presentation. Authors may indicate preference for oral (podium) presentation and/or poster presentation during the interactive Abstract submission process. Once abstracts have been accepted for presentation, no changes will be accepted to their content.

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(ABSTRACTS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ELECTRONICALLY)

Please ensure you adhere strictly to the abstract formatting guidelines. These guidelines must be followed in order for your abstract to proceed for review. Submission as follows via the Taylored Images website: www.tayloredimages.com.au

- (a) Follow the links to 2012 ACORN; click on "Submit Abstract" and follow the prompts
- (b) It is essential all photographs and diagrams are embedded within the document, prior to uploading the abstract
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Receipt and Confirmation

All abstracts received will be acknowledged to the presenting author instantly on submission. The final outcome of the review process will be notified to all presenting authors by Friday 20 January 2012. All accepted presenters will receive complimentary registration for the day of presentation (excluding social functions). If presenters register for the entire conference, the registration will be at a reduced rate.

Abstract Specifications

Font: Arial

Title: 12pt, **BOLD CAPS**, Centred

Authors: 11pt italics, centred, presenter underlined, authors' affiliation listed below

Text Body: 11pt regular style, single spaced, justified

Spacing: 1 line space under title and between author details and body of text

Length: maximum 250 words

Margins: A4 paper, left and right 30mm, top 25mm, text body 150mm wide

Stream: Identify one of the streams from ACORN's Vision - the 'SPIRIT' of perioperative nursing in Australia

All submitted abstracts **MUST** follow the guidelines as set by the Scientific Program Committee to be accepted. These guidelines are accessible from: www.tayloredimages.com.au/acorn2012
To access these guidelines select "Call for Abstracts" from the above websites main menu.

Instructions for Preparation

The purpose of the abstract is to define the precise subject of the presentation. No acknowledgements, figures or references should be included.

Underline the author(s) making the presentation. This author will be considered the key person for all contact about the paper.

Include all co-authors names, affiliations and addresses for general correspondence (including email address) above the abstract text and below the title.

A brief written personal profile (maximum 150 words) is required from the presenting author. Also required is a passport sized photo. Please supply this during the online abstract submission process.

SAMPLE: SMITH Jane currently works as a Staff Development Educator with the Mental Health Nursing Research and Education Unit, Glenside Campus, in Adelaide. Her area of interest is the Prevention and Management of Aggressive Behaviour in the Workplace and Critical Incident Stress Debriefing. Jane has been involved extensively in consultation, ongoing development and facilitation of Aggression Management training workshops and the provision of debriefing services and training across a wide range of health and other occupational settings in both the public and private sector.

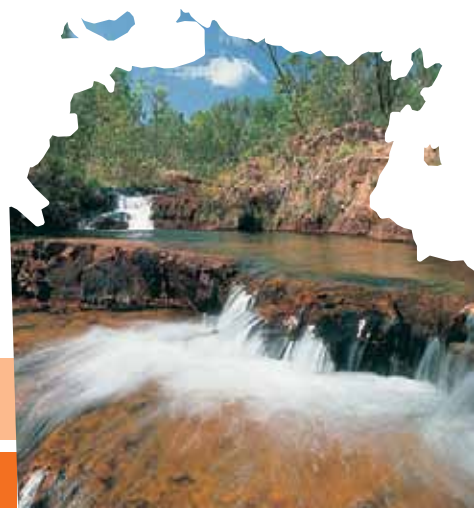
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Important Points for Authors to Note

The preparation and supply of any handouts or other materials used in any presentation will be the responsibility of the presenter(s).

As a commitment to attend and support the conference all accepted presenters will receive complimentary registration for the day of presentation (excluding social functions). If presenters register for the entire conference, the registration will be at a reduced rate.

Abstracts submission has now been extended until **Friday 20 January 2012**.





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