

Session 5.11
NNN Track

Abstract Title:

Building Evidence Using Nursing Interventions Classification (NIC) and Nursing Outcomes Classification (NOC)

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Intended Audiences:

Educators, Clinicians, Researchers

Areas of Focus:

Research, Use in Practice, Linking or Integrating Nursing Language

Research Format:

For Non-Research Reports

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BACKGROUND: Standardized Nursing Diagnoses, NIC, and NOC (NNN) language has been developed to promote consistent documentation of nursing practice. However, standardized nursing language has not been widely used to guide nursing research and the development of evidence-based nursing practice guidelines.

DESCRIPTION: Research literature can be summarized and synthesized to determine the level of evidence for NIC intervention activities and NOC outcome indicators. Determining the level of evidence will aid nurses in classifying interventions as effective, possibly effective, ineffective, or possibly harmful. This process can also lead to the identification of standards of practice, which are not amenable to randomized controlled trials. The use of NOC outcomes aids nurse researchers to identify appropriate outcome measures which are consistent with the NIC interventions being studied. NOC outcomes can also be used to evaluate the effectiveness of clinical practice. NIC interventions and NOC outcomes lacking evidence may indicate priority areas for future nursing research.

CONCLUSIONS: The use and continued development of standardized nursing language as a framework for practice and research captures the essence of nursing, advances nursing knowledge, and ensures that our practice is evidence-based.

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