Belgian Working Group on Cardiovascular Nursing (BWGCVN)
1. Presentation

Mission & objectives

➢ To improve the quality of nursing care for patients with cardiovascular disease in Belgium.
➢ To undertake and support activities which promote cardiovascular health.
➢ To develop, disseminate and monitor the standards of continuing education and clinical practice.
➢ To promote evidence-based cardiovascular nursing practice in Belgium.
➢ To collaborate with the Belgian Society for Cardiology and its working groups to improve the quality of life of the Belgian population.

Current number of members

n= 1,633
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Main activities

➢ BWGCVN organizes an annual symposium for cardiovascular nurses and allied health professionals
➢ BWGCVN organizes a post-graduate training for heart failure nursing care in collaboration with the Working Group on Heart Failure Nurses
➢ BWGCVN board members are represented in ACNAP National Societies Meeting, the Science Committee and YoCo
➢ BWGCVN supports the ‘Be Guidelines Smart’ project of ACNAP, through the translation of pocket guidelines, development of educational tools and awareness campagnes
➢ BWGCVN supports scientific research through the BWGCVN Nursing award for scientific/quality improvement project in cardiovascular nursing
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Conferences & Events

➢ BWGCVN organizes an annual symposium for cardiovascular nurses and allied health professionals; a Dutch and French symposium are organized separately to give all attendees the possibility to follow the scientific sessions in their mother language.

➢ BWGCVN organizes Joint Scientific Sessions in collaboration with other working groups and associations (e.g., Belgian Heart Rythm Working Group)
2. Challenges & barriers among our nursing community

➢ Challenge to introduce Evidence-based Practice due to
  ➢ Language barrier (French/Dutch/English)
  ➢ Limited access to scientific publications
  ➢ Lack of time and resources → short message, brief summary of results, visual presentation

➢ Implementation of advanced practice nursing roles
  ➢ New legislation- opportunity to introduce APN roles in cardiovascular care
3. Involvement with ACNAP

Key areas to develop for the nursing community

➢ We wish to collaborate with ACNAP to further:

➢ Strengthen the implementation of EBP in nursing care
➢ Support nurses to feel empowered to implement guidelines into their daily care
➢ Develop and expand the roles of advanced practice nurses in cardiovascular care
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