Irish Nurses Cardiovascular Association (INCA)

02/2021
Mission & objectives

Aim
Forum for education, communication research and support in Cardiovascular Nursing (CV)

Objectives
- Exchange and disseminate information on a range of CV interest areas
- Promote and support nursing research and education
- Promote excellence in nursing through education, research and leadership
- Develop a community of national cardiovascular experts
- Build national and international collaborations

Membership
INCA membership (83 in 2020) and Irish ACNAP Membership (102 in 2021)
Main Activities

- March, Annual Scientific Meeting
- October, Autumn Scientific meeting in collaboration with Irish Cardiac Society
- Members and non-members invited to submit abstracts for scientific meetings
- Two Bursaries Awarded Annually
- Two special interest groups - heart failure and chest pain
- Website used as a communication and information sharing platform
- Research: Nurses' barriers to the use of cardiovascular guidelines in practice
- Presented poster EuroHeartcare 2018 and paper submitted for publication
Recent and planned Conferences & Events

✓ 1st October 2020: Autumn Scientific meeting in collaboration with the Irish Cardiac Society

✓ 25th March 2021 Cardiovascular Nursing Webinar
  Title: ‘Cardiac Patient Care - New Insights and Innovations’

✓ 12th June 2021: INCA Event to celebrate 25 year anniversary
  Title: ‘Celebrating the Year of the Nurse’

✓ 7th October 2021: Autumn Scientific Conference in collaboration with the Irish Cardiac Society
Challenges & barriers to our nursing community

- Increased workload
- Reduced time availability
- Reduced staff availability
- Limited to Face to Face contact
- Virtual Fatigue
- Covid 19 challenged us in 2020 – 2021
- Dynamic, dedicated Committee with innovative virtual events
- Proud of current achievements
- Looking forward to future meetings when we can meet in person once again!
Key areas to develop for the nursing community.

Promotion of ACNAP:

- Scientific meetings, webinars, social media, platforms, website
- Disseminate information about ACNAP in our hospitals
- Work with ACNAP to bridge gaps in research and education for cardiovascular nurses and allied healthcare professionals
- Keep in touch, stay involved, work together for the community

- YoCo Representative
- ACNAP Conferences- 2 INCA committee members
- ACNAP Committee- Programme committee, Education Committee
Get in Touch

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