



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Nurse Staffing and Patient Safety Knowledge Network Membership EOI

Background

The debate over how to achieve the necessary balance between nurse staffing and patient safety presses on. Currently, a number of endeavours and initiatives aim to examine, better understand and appropriately respond to this relationship. Meanwhile, the need for a knowledge network—a group of experts working together on a shared issue—continues to be high on the list of priorities for stakeholders involved in nursing and nursing-related activities across Canada. In response to this need, the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) and its partners are proud to announce the Nurse Staffing and Patient Safety Knowledge Network. This network will bring together policy, management, and research stakeholders from diverse communities across Canada to share, create, discuss and respond to information on, and emerging issues in, nurse staffing and patient safety. In short, this network will provide a forum for experts to bring the most pertinent evidence and expertise on nurse staffing and patient safety to the forefront to support evidence-informed decision making.

Purpose

Adopting a clear and shared sense of purpose is integral to a network's success. The proposed purpose of the Nurse Staffing and Patient Safety Knowledge Network is to support evidence-informed decision making in nurse staffing and patient safety.

Objectives

Outlining goals provides a foundation for network growth and sustainability. The following objectives are intended as a starting place, allowing the necessary flexibility that an evolving network demands. The proposed objectives of the network follow.

To bring policy, management, and research stakeholders (involved in nurse staffing and patient safety) together on a regular basis to:

- share tacit knowledge;
- challenge best practices and current thinking;
- identify gaps within existing knowledge;
- raise the profile of research with applications for practice;
- suggest means for incorporating evidence into decision-making; and
- facilitate the delivery of research to policy and management stakeholders

Membership

We are currently looking to invite individuals into the Nurse Staffing and Patient Safety Knowledge Network. Members will demonstrate a willingness to contribute their time, efforts, and expertise to the network. Specific examples of active participation in the network are:

- contributing knowledge (based on expertise and/or experience);
- peer reviewing nurse staffing and patient safety documents and resources;
- sharing documents, resources and other useful materials (such as staffing plans, policies and procedures, research studies, etc.) within the network; and/or
- committing to using and promoting network products within their scope of influence.

If you are interested please fill out the following form signalling to us your interest in joining the Nurse Staffing and Patient Safety Knowledge Network. As this is a pilot project, all terms and timelines are subject to change.

Membership will developed base on the following criteria:

- direct relationship of members work to furthering the nurse staffing patient safety agenda
- a Pan-Canadian membership perspective
- a cross-sectoral, cross-functional, interprofessional perspective

Thank you for your interest. You will be contacted re: next steps for membership.

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| Name: |
| Title: |
| Organization: |
| E mail address: |
| Work phone number: |
| Experience/work relating to nurse staffing patient safety: |
| What can you contribute to the network? |
| How do you feel the NSPS Network will help you in your work? |

If chosen to become a member of this network, I commit to being an active participant.

Please sign below and fax to (613) 728-3527 c/o Christine Kocik at CHSRF

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| Yes |
| No |

Signature: _____