

9th Annual

Nursing Research and Innovation Conference



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Course Description

The *9th Annual Nursing Research and Innovation Conference* brings together clinical nurses, educators, and scientists to disseminate innovative research and evidence-based practices that improve nursing practice and patient outcomes.

Learning Objectives

- Disseminate innovative evidence-based research and projects that improve patient care outcomes.
- Discuss healthcare policy as it relates to nursing practice and patient outcomes.
- Examine and identify interventions for equitable healthcare of all patients.

Target Audience

This conference is intended for any associates or leaders at their institution who are interested in synergy, collaboration, and innovations in nursing practice. This may apply to all specialists, physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, psychologists, social workers, medical students, and other members of the healthcare team.

Accreditation



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In support of improving patient care, MedStar Health is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Nurses: This activity is approved for 6.00 ANCC contact hours. Nurses should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



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Agenda

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| 8:00 a.m. | Registration, Breakfast, View Abstract Posters, and Visit Exhibits | 1:00 p.m. | Community-Based, Nurse-Led Primary Care
Erin Athey, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP |
| 8:40 a.m. | Welcome Remarks
Ariam Yitbarek, DNP, MHA, RN, NEA-BC | 1:45 p.m. | Poster Sessions |
| 8:45 a.m. | From Evidence to Influence: How Nurses Shape Health Policy and Public Narratives
Richard Ricciardi, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, FRCSI | 2:45 p.m. | Economic Value of the Nursing Profession
Olga Yakusheva, PhD, MSPE, FAAN |
| 10:00 a.m. | Advocating for Change: The Nurse's Role
Katie Boston-Leary, PhD, MBA, MHA, RN, NEA-BC, FADLN, FAONL, FAAN | 3:45 p.m. | Closing Remarks
Pamela R. Jones, PhD, MPH, RN, CPHQ, NPD-BC |
| 11:00 a.m. | Break, Visit the Exhibits, and View Abstract Posters | 3:55 p.m. | Adjourn |
| 11:15 a.m. | Breakout Sessions | | |
| 12:15 p.m. | Lunch, View Abstract Posters, and Visit the Exhibits | | |



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Registration Information

Registration Fees	MEDSTAR HEALTH ASSOCIATES	NON-MEDSTAR HEALTH
Physician	\$50	\$100
Psychologist	\$50	\$100
Physician Assistant	\$40	\$75
Nurse Practitioner	\$40	\$75
Nurse	\$40	\$75
Resident or Fellow	\$40	\$75
Allied Health Professional	\$40	\$75

Online Registration Preferred

Please visit **MedStarHealth.org/NursingResearch** for updated program and registration information. We are unable to accept registrations by telephone.

All registrations will be confirmed by email only. If you have questions or do not receive a confirmation within 1-2 business days, please contact us at medstarcpe@medstar.net or (833) 731-1273.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made in writing by January 30, 2026 will be subject to a 50% penalty. No refunds will be given after January 30, 2026. Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone. In the unlikely event that the course is canceled, MedStar Health will refund the registration fee, but is not responsible for any travel costs.

Venue Information

Bethesda Marriott

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