



ADVANCING NURSING EXCELLENCE THROUGH INNOVATION AND LEADERSHIP

JUNE 9, 2025

Agenda



9 – 9:10 a.m.

Welcome and Overview

Yolanda Ogbolu, PhD, NNP, FNAP, FAAN



9:10 – 10 a.m.

Keynote: Empowering Nurses as Innovators and Entrepreneurs

Rebecca Love, MSN, RN, BS, FIEL

Identifying and acting on opportunities for innovative practice improvements optimizes the nursing workforce and its voice in healthcare. Learning how this process can be initiated and followed through is the first step.

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10 – 11 a.m.

Nurses Leading the Way

Ernest J. Grant, PhD, DSc(h), RN, FADLN, FAAN

Barbara Aranda Naranjo, PhD, RN, FAAN

Peggy Norton-Rosko, DNP, RN, NEA-BC

Moderated by

Yolanda Ogbolu, PhD, NNP, FNAP, FAAN

Engage with leading nurse academic and practice experts to learn from their journeys to navigate the complex and rapidly changing landscape of academia and practice.

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11 – 11:05 a.m.

Presentation of the Dr. Peggy Daw Exemplary Leadership Award

A special recognition honoring a distinguished leader whose contributions have advanced the profession of nursing and influenced healthcare outcomes.

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11:05 – 11:15 a.m.

Break

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11:15 – 11:25 a.m.

NSP II Update

Kimberly Ford, BS

Laura Schenk, DNP, RN, CNE

Current priorities and the latest updates of Maryland's Nurse Support Program II initiative will be discussed.

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11:25 a.m.

What is Nursing Worth?

Olga Yakusheva, PhD, MSE, FAAN

Current payment models incentivize hospitals and other providers to minimize nurse staffing costs to improve operating margins, resulting in a misalignment between reimbursement methodologies for care and the need for adequate nursing staff. One solution being discussed is to bill directly for nursing care.

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11:05 – 11:15 a.m.

Break, Lightning, and Poster Presentations

Take a quick break, check out the poster presentations in the poster hall, and join us for live, accelerated, thought-provoking presentations exploring emerging innovations nursing practice, research, and leadership.

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1 – 2 p.m.

Rural Healthcare Delivery – Panel

Kara Platt, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CNE

Danielle Wilson, MSN, RN, NE-BC

Karen Wyche Latham, DNP, RN, NEA-BC,
CENP, FAONL

Moderated by

Crystal DeVance-Wilson, PhD, MBA, PHCNS-BC

Nursing workforce challenges unique to rural communities are described through a focus on nursing recruitment and retention, rural health disparities, and interconnections in the continuum of care.

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2 – 3 p.m.

The Role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Healthcare

Anna E. Schoenbaum, DNP, MS, RN, NI-
BC, FHIMSS, FAAN

David Hunt, DNP, MBA, RN, NEA-BC

Identifying how nurses can use AI to optimize clinical workflows and improve decision-making processes can present new opportunities in support of nursing practice and the provision of healthcare.

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3 – 3:15 p.m.

Summary and Closing Remarks

Patricia Travis, PhD, RN, CCRP

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