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ACN’s National Nursing Forum - keeping nurses ahead of the game

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The Australian College of Nursing’s (ACN) upcoming National Nursing Forum will provide a platform for nurses, from all corners of Australia, to learn and share insights on how they, as individuals and as a profession, can adapt and succeed in the complex, changing and often challenging health environment.

Aptly themed Staying Ahead of the Game, this year’s Forum combines thought-provoking presentations and interactive workshop sessions to address the tough questions based around leadership, quality of care, education and the workforce.

With a keynote from futurist and strategic planner Dr Keith Suter, as well as presentations from prominent nurse leaders, policy makers, clinicians, researchers, educators and newly registered nurses, the depth and variety on offer this year is second-to-none.

Adjunct Professor and CEO Debra Thoms said that staying ahead of the game focuses on how the nursing profession can anticipate the upcoming changes and what strategies can be employed to deal with them.

“It is vital that we look to diversify our networks, expand our perspectives, and look toward inventive ways to steer these imminent changes in our health care system toward excellent patient-centred care, within a culture that supports and enhances the practice of nurses.

“In Australia, the reach and engagement of nurses across the health sector is unparalleled; with more than 240,000 nurses practising across major cities, regional, rural and remote corners of Australia. With that in mind, the Forum is the perfect platform to discuss these issues, connect with like-minded individuals and equip delegates with the knowledge and support needed to achieve our ultimate goal,” said Adjunct Professor Thoms.

Areas of nursing practice in the spotlight this year include:

- Acute care
- Aged care
- Chronic and complex care
- Community and primary health care
- Rural and regional

The National Nursing Forum will be held on the 2-4 November at the Adelaide Convention Centre, South Australia. To full the full program and book of abstracts, click here: http://bit.ly/1pnU11l.
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Media passes are available to attend the National Nursing Forum, however they are strictly limited. To secure your spot, please contact Diana Abeleven diana@zadrocommunications.com.au or 02 9212 7867.