In September 2015, the nations of the world signed up to the ambitious goal of ensuring that everyone in the world should have access to health care – universal health coverage (UHC) – and that nobody should be left behind.

The Triple Impact Report by the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Global Health, makes the point that UHC cannot possibly be achieved without strengthening nursing globally. This is partly about increasing the number of nurses, but also crucially about making sure their contribution is properly understood and enabling them to work to their full potential.

The report argues that strengthening nursing will have the triple impact of improving health, promoting gender equality and supporting economic growth.

Nurses are by far the largest part of the professional health workforce and achieving universal health coverage globally will depend on them being able to use their knowledge and skills to the full. Yet they are too often undervalued and their contribution underestimated.

The triple impact report argues that there is an urgent need globally to raise the profile of nursing and enable nurses to work to their full potential if countries are to achieve universal health coverage. Nursing can and must take the lead on these issues but cannot achieve them without the support of politicians, policy-makers and non-nursing leaders.
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The triple impact of nursing: better health, greater gender equality and stronger economies

OUR PANEL OF SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR KYLIE WARD FACN
Chief Executive Officer
Australian College of Nursing

Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN is a renowned leader and a passionate CEO who has shaped the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) to become a prominent and influential professional organisation. As well as leading a strong and collective voice for the nursing profession to improve patient outcomes and the social determinants of health for all Australians, Kylie is also driven to improve gender equality and diversity as well as promoting the importance of women in leadership roles both nationally and internationally.

Kylie’s distinguished career spans almost three decades, and has seen her hold Executive positions in the largest health services in NSW and Victoria. Through her commitment to reform, transformational change and leadership development, she has been awarded honorary Professorships from Monash University, Deakin University, University of Technology Sydney, Western Sydney University and Federation University.

Kylie is the first nurse to be appointed by the Federal Minister as a Board Director of the Australian Digital Health Agency (ADHA).

KATE RENZENBRINK MACN
Australian Digital Health Agency Representative

Kate Renzenbrink is a registered nurse and has worked in public health for 22 years. She has a wealth of experience in clinical education and facilitation, general medicine, stroke, rheumatology, cardiothoracic surgical nursing, gynaecology, and cancer nursing.

Kate is currently the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Information Officer at Bendigo Health. A primary responsibility is supporting the implementation of an electronic patient record to ensure the nursing and midwifery workforce have the health informatics skills to meet the challenges of contemporary practice.

Kate previously worked in quality and safety as a Consumer Liaison Officer helping patients to resolve complaints and concerns about their health care, many of which were communication problems relating to health information sharing.

Kate recently completed her Bachelor of Health Informatics (Professional Honours) and is a strong advocate for patient-centred care and consumer involvement in health care delivery using health IT solutions. Kate’s other qualifications include a Bachelor of Nursing, Grad Cert Psychotherapy, Grad Dip Couns & Human Services.

NAOMI HEINRICH
General Manager, Central Australian Health Service

Naomi comes to the role of General Manager of the Acute Care Services, Central Australia Health Service (CAHS) with more than 20 years’ experience in the health care sector, primarily in acute public health. She has also had extensive corporate experience in the health sector and was the Principal Project Nurse with the South Australian Department of Health. She also held the role of Nursing Director Corporate Nursing and Nursing Director Emergency and Perioperative Medicine Division at Flinders Medical Centre. Her most recent role was Associate Director with KPMG providing health consultancy within the national government advisory team. She is a registered nurse with a Master’s in Nursing Science and Bachelor of Nursing.
OUR PANEL OF SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

NICKI HERRIOT  
Chief Executive Officer, Primary Health Network, Northern Territory

Nicki Herriot is a dynamic professional with a focus on leading teams to build an inclusive and high performing organisation. Nicki was appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Territory Primary Health Network (NT PHN) in October 2014. This follows her tenure as Executive Manager Corporate Services from April 2013 to October 2014.

Prior to coming to NT PHN, Nicki held the position of Director Workforce Engagement for Queensland Transport and Main Roads, where she delivered a range of strategic projects including an improved state-wide scholarship program; strategies to sustain increased numbers of Indigenous employees; a number of large, state-wide change management processes and enhance attraction and retention initiatives targeting long-term skills shortages.

As CEO, Nicki works with the NT PHN Board to deliver strategically aligned leadership to the organisation. She brings to this role her well developed understanding and stakeholder relationships within the health care system environment in the NT, expertise in leading organisational change, building capacity and strategic thinking.

Nicki is a non-executive Director for Northern Territory General Practice Education.

DR SAM HEARD  
Medical Director, Central Australian Aboriginal Corporation

Dr Sam Heard has been a GP in Northern Territory for almost 30 years, and currently is Medical Director of the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress in Alice Springs. He is an Associate Professor at the Flinders and a Medical Director of the NT Regional Training Hub for Central Australia.

He is experienced in health record standards and was a co-author of the international openEHR specification which is increasing uptake around the world.

He has recently become a Director on the Australian Digital Health Agency Board.

He is committed to excellence in education for all health professionals in remote settings and learning to work effectively and efficiently in teams.