



EFN Policy Statement

European Nursing Research

Nursing research is increasingly being recognised as having to play a vital role in maintaining and promoting the health of European citizens while fostering the development of quality, efficient, and safe healthcare delivery services. The EFN recognizes that more than a decade after the Council of Europe Recommendations on Nursing Research (1996) Europe has still some way to go if its Health and Lisbon objectives are to become reality.

Therefore, the EFN supports:

- Nursing Research to be acknowledged as an integral part of building a healthier and competitive Europe;
- Research Capacity for Nursing to be prioritised at both European and National level;
- The European Commission to support Nursing Research by developing closer partnerships with European professional nursing organisations;

The EFN concludes that for the above strategic aims to become reality collaboration is essential in directing and focussing the voice of nursing through a new structure. Nursing Research should seize control over its future with directed efforts towards broadening and strengthening the knowledge base required for the provision of safe and quality nursing care while furthering its integration into EU policy making towards shaping the next generation of evidence based policies.

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