

CoNNMO National Priorities

The Coalition of National Nursing & Midwifery Organisations (CoNNMO) comprises fifty four national nursing and midwifery organisations. These bodies reflect the diverse generalist and specialist contexts of practice in which the nursing and midwifery workforce undertakes their essential roles. CoNNMO is unique in its reach and extensive magnitude of numbers of the combined organisational memberships. It advocates for the health and wellbeing of the Australian population, through empowered, focused and skilled nursing and midwifery workforces. The coalition supports and enhances the leadership, capacity and impact of the goals of the member bodies.

The following CoNNMO national priorities were established through a rigorous process of collaboration and consultation with our member organisations. They guide contemporary practice and education for our professions.

1. All consumers of healthcare have the right to accessible, safe, high quality care provided by competent, well-educated nurses and midwives.
2. Nurses and midwives lead their professions to improve public awareness of their essential role in the health care system and drive collaborative improvements with other health professionals.
3. Caring, compassion and empathy delivered within a regulated professional framework is an essential element of all aspects of nursing and midwifery practice.
4. Nurses and midwives are integral to a sustainable, affordable and accessible Australian healthcare system and are essential voices to be included in local, State, Territory and Federal health policy discussions and decision making.
5. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, history and culture is a core element of nursing and midwifery practice. A National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce Strategy involving the nursing and midwifery professions is urgently required.
6. Nurses and midwives must adopt a zero tolerance approach to bullying, racism, harassment, sexism and all other forms of discrimination that have no place in nursing and midwifery practice.
7. Embedding mentoring and reflective practice into the growth and development of all nurses and midwives is essential.
8. Work must be undertaken to remove legislative, regulatory and administrative barriers that prevent nurses and midwives from practicing to their full scope of practice.
9. Collaborating and working in partnership with nursing and midwifery professional organisations is essential to progressing evidence informed practice.
10. Nurses and midwives need to be literate in digital health, to communicate, collaborate and provide optimal healthcare.
11. Nurses and midwives must be supported and resourced to lead research and innovation.
12. Nurses and midwives must use their considerable, informed and united voices to advocate for improvements in health and wellbeing for all.

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List of Member Organisations

Audiometry Nurses Association of Australia
Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control
Australasian Cardiovascular Nursing College
Australasian Hepatology Association
Australasian Neuroscience Nurses' Association
Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses' Association Inc
Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association
Australian and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society
Australian and New Zealand Society for Vascular Nurses
Australian & New Zealand Orthopaedic Nurses Association
Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses
Australian College of Critical Care Nurses
Australian College of Holistic Nurses
Australian College of Mental Health Nurses
Australian College of Midwives
Australian College of Neonatal Nurses
Australian College of Nurse Practitioners
Australian College of Nursing
Australian College of Perioperative Nurses
Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses
Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association
Australian Dermatology Nurses Association
Australian Diabetes Educators Association
Australian Faith Community Nurses Association
Australian Forensic Nurses Association
Australian Nurse Teachers' Society
Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation
Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association National Council
Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association
Australian Student and Novice Nurse Association
Australian Women's Health Nurse Association
Cancer Nurses Society of Australia
College of Emergency Nursing Australia
Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives
Continence Nurses Society Australia
Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery
CRANaplus
Discharge Planning Association
Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia
Endocrine Nurses Society of Australasia
Flight Nurses Australia Inc.
Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia
Hyperbaric Technicians and Nurses Association
Maternal Child & Family Health Nurses of Australia
Medical Imaging Nurses Association
National Enrolled Nurses Association of Australia
Nursing Informatics Australia
Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Nurses Group
Palliative Care Nurses Australia
Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia
Renal Society of Australasia
Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand
Transplant Nurses Association
Wounds Australia

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