The Royal College of Nursing international nursing research conference is the leading conference for those involved in or interested in research relevant to nursing. Delegates come from diverse clinical and academic settings from around the world to share work on a broad range of topics and methods, to learn and to network.

Conference themes include but are not limited to:
- Clinical effectiveness
- Evaluation of change
- Health policy
- Instrument development
- Methodology
- Patient experience

This year we are planning events aimed at two groups: clinical nurse researchers and early career researchers/PhD students.

As well as celebrating 100 years of the RCN, this year we are in Edinburgh to celebrate 60 years of Nursing Studies at the University.

As a presenter, whether you are experienced or a first-time attender you will be able to present your work, whether oral or poster presentation, in a supportive, inclusive and non-hierarchical environment – and get constructive feedback and reach an international audience.

As a delegate, you will have a unique opportunity to learn or update your research knowledge and participate in discussion and debate on research, policy and practice. You will also be able to join in sessions on key topics in nursing and nursing research and attend a programme of fringe events.

Attendance at the three day conference allows presenters and delegates to network with nurses and researchers from around the world whilst obtaining up to 27 hours towards your CPD portfolio which can form part of your evidence for revalidation.

Full conference information including how to submit an abstract is available on the conference website www.rcn.org.uk/research2016

Wednesday 6 – Friday 8 April 2016
Edinburgh International Conference Centre,
The Exchange, Edinburgh EH3 8EE, United Kingdom

Keynote speakers:

- **Professor Pam Smith**, Professorial Fellow in Nursing Studies, the School of Health in Social Science, The University of Edinburgh, UK
- **Professor Gary Rolfe**, Emeritus Professor of Nursing, Swansea University, UK
- **Professor Walter Sermeus**, Professor in Health Care Management and Programme Director for Health Sciences, KU Leuven, Belgium

Call for abstracts

The RCN Research Society invites the submission of contemporary research abstracts which make a new contribution to a body of knowledge.

As well as abstracts which debate developments in research methods, research management and research policy, innovative methodological papers and papers which use research to reflect on current issues in nursing are particularly welcome.

Please see the ‘Call for abstracts’ section of www.rcn.org.uk/research2016 for more details.

Call for abstracts now open

The RCN Research Society is pleased to announce:

**RCN**

**international nursing research conference 2016**

Celebrating 60 years of Nursing Research: Elsie Stephenson (Centre) – First Director of Nursing at the University of Edinburgh
The conference aims to:

- bring together researchers from diverse clinical and academic settings from around the world to participate in critical debate
- promote and develop nursing knowledge
- facilitate sharing and collaboration between health care researchers.

Submitting your abstract

Abstracts should be submitted online at www.rcn.org.uk/research2016, no later than 16 November 2015.

Concurrent sessions

Concurrent session papers are presented orally. Each presenter is allocated a maximum of 20 minutes for presentation following by 5 minutes for discussion.

Symposia

A symposium is a presentation of between three and five papers with a shared focus. The duration of a symposium is normally 60 or 90 minutes, depending on the number of papers.

Poster presentations

Poster presentations are visual displays of material and will be exhibited for the duration of the conference. Poster presentations can reach a wide audience and are best suited to the presentation of factual data, such as project design or findings.

Visual presentations with expert review (ViPER)

ViPERs provide increased opportunity for active engagement in discussion. The method involves a poster, short presentation, expert commentary and facilitated group discussion.

The decision of the Scientific Committee to accept or reject submissions is final. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to offer the appropriate mode of presentation to meet the overall needs of the conference. All participants chosen to present papers must register and pay to be eligible to present their paper. The Scientific Committee regrets that it is unable to meet any travel or subsistence expenses.

All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference programme once authors have registered for the conference.

Key dates

- **16 November 2015** deadline for submitting abstracts
- **11 December 2015** outcome of scientific review available online
- **29 January 2016** deadline for proposing networking events and deadline for booking at the discounted presenter rate (15% off)

The RCN exists to promote the science and art of nursing and education and training in the profession of nursing. To help pre-registration students gain experience of presenting professional nursing knowledge and information to their peers, the RCN is offering a small number of discretionary places at this event.

Please indicate if you would like to be considered when you submit your abstract.

For further information, please visit email research@rcn.org.uk