

Australian New Zealand Chapter IFNA



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Who are family

I thought I would do a short section each newsletter on an area of interest. We are all nurses who have a focus on family and a passion to improve not only client outcomes but family as a unit of care.

The terms for family are changing as our society changes and as nurses, researchers and clinicians we need to provide clarity in relation to the definition of family. For most cases researchers use a definition that allows the client of focus to define who their family is. Should we then allow multiple family members to be included for research and included clinical discussions. That is not always possible so how we can support the family as a unit of care and understand their experience? I see this as a challenge when completing family research or supporting families in the clinical setting. The first step is a clear definition.

Google family definition: Family is defined as a specific group of people that may be made up of partners, children, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents. An example of a family is a set of parents living with their children. The definition of family is the group of people who share common ancestors.

Coyne research definition: 'family is defined as a group of individuals who are bound by strong emotional ties, a sense of belonging, and a commitment to being involved in one another's lives, calling themselves family (Friedman, et al., 2003; Walsh, 2006; Wright & Bell, 2009)' Coyne et al., 2017.

Objectives for Australia and New Zealand Chapter

Enhance and promote family nursing in Australia and New Zealand.

To facilitate and promote family research in Australia and New Zealand.

To develop a strong connection with the International Family Nursing Association for the promotion of family nursing activities internationally.

Demonstrate leadership in addressing the educational needs of nurses in relation to the provision of family-centred care to meet the National Health and Safety priorities.

Provide opportunities for professional networking amongst family focused nurses.

Goals for 2020 who can help!!!

- A collaborative survey of AUS/NZ nurses' attitude to family care Online survey platform Ethics application (one approval nation-wide?)
- Mapping of AUS/NZ curriculum against IFNA competencies, and then send it out for feedback

Points of interest

- *Encourage colleagues to join the IFNA*
- *Promote the 20221 conference*
- *Lets keep thinking how we can support the development of a conference for 2025*
- *Latest family publications*
- *Next meeting Feb 12th 1-2pm*

Ideas for promoting 2021 IFNA conference

As we start 2020 we need to think about the next conference and how we as a team of Aus/NZ family nurses can attend. How can we encourage our colleagues, clinicians who work with families and family researchers to have this as their International conference?

- Promote the conference as a conference across life stages and diseases
- Good way to link with international researchers and family specialists.
- Encourage use of the Family Position Statements as a link to the IFNA

<https://internationalfamilynursing.org/association-information/position-statements/>



15th International Family Nursing Conference



SAVE THE DATE

Monday, June 28 - Thursday, July 1, 2021

The Clayton Hotel
Burlington Road
Dublin, Ireland

#IFNC15



Latest publications

This is a place where it would be good to share our latest work. Maybe a particular article that has a strong family focus.

Coyne, E., Frommolt, V., & Salehi, A. (2019). The experience and challenges of rural persons with cancer and their families. *Collegian*. doi:https://doi.org/10.1016/j.colegn.2019.10.002

Mackie, B. R., Mitchell, M., & Marshall, A. P. (2018). Patient and family members' perceptions of family participation in care on acute care wards. *Scandinavian Journal of Caring Sciences*. doi:10.1111/scs.12631

Whitehead, L., Jacob, E., Towell, A., Abu-qamar, M. e., & Cole-Heath, A. (2018). The role of the family in supporting the self-management of chronic conditions: A qualitative systematic review. *Journal of Clinical Nursing*, 27(1-2), 22-30. doi:10.1111/jocn.13775

Heynsbergh, N., Heckel, L., Botti, M., & Livingston, P. M. (2018). Feasibility, useability and acceptability of technology-based interventions for informal cancer carers: a systematic review. *BMC cancer*, 18(1), 244. doi:10.1186/s12885-018-4160-9

2019 conference

