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**08:00-08:30**  
**08:30-09:00**

**Onsite Registrations**  
**Welcome Message**

### KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

- 09:00-09:45** — **Growing and Sustaining Your Clinical Workforce**  
*Sylvia M. Alston & Sarah Haithcock, Duke Health, USA*
- 09:45-10:30** — **Stress, Change, and Peer-to-Peer Advice: From Nursing Educators, For Nursing Educators**  
*Debra A. Hrelac, University of North Carolina Wilmington, USA*

Break and Group Photo 10:30-10:45

### ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- 10:45-11:15** — **Built by Nurses. Missed by Healthcare**  
*Sara Aleem, Elysian Medicina Digital Marketing, USA*
- 11:15-11:45** — **Don't talk- Just Do! Helping Nurses Build Micro-Habits That Actually Stick in a High-Stress, Short-Staffed World**  
*Ronnie Loaiza, Certified Habit Coach | Master Certified Professional Coach, USA*
- 11:45-12:15** — **Patient-Specific Mobilization to Prevent Functional Decline and Falls**  
*Samantha Amen, Kaiser Permanente, USA*
- 12:15-12:45** — **Operational Barriers to Coordinated Care: Lessons Learned from Frontline Value-Based Care Implementation**  
*Julia Edwards, VillageMD, USA*

Lunch Break 12:45-13:30

### PANEL DISCUSSION

- 13:30-14:30** — **Inside Clinical Workforce Planning Conversations**  
*Sylvia M. Alston, Sarah Haithcock, Duke Health, USA*  
*Kara Murphy, PRS Global, USA*

### ORAL PRESENTATIONS CONTINUE

- 14:30-15:00** — **Caring for Undocumented Individuals and Immigrants: A Case Study Application for Nursing Students and Nurses**  
*Misty D. Burgett, Trine University School of Nursing, USA*
- 15:00-15:30** — **The Role of Correctional Health Nursing in Community and Public Health**  
*Alexis Koenig, Herzing University - Menomonee Falls, USA*
- 15:30-16:00** — **Simulated Conversations, Real Skills: Developing Therapeutic Communication through Artificial Intelligence in Nursing Education**  
*Kaitlin Martin, ECPI University, USA*

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS AND EXHIBITION (16:15-17:00)

- POSTER-01** ● **Enhancing Patient Outcomes: Mitigating Hospital Delirium Through Uninterrupted Nighttime Sleep**  
*Lauren Mezzacapo-Tanner, ECU Health Medical Center, USA*
- POSTER-02** ● **Strengthening Primary Health Care Through Community Health Nursing in Rural Ethiopia: A Preventive Approach to Maternal and Child Health**  
*Tibarek Gebreselassie Melsebo, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia*
- POSTER-03** ● **Integrating Telehealth into Nursing Education Through Standardized Patient Simulation**  
*Sade Simmons, Georgia Southern University, USA*
- POSTER-04** ● **Student Perceptions in Psychiatric Nursing: A Before and After Qualitative Study**  
*Sherri Fitzgerald, Westfield State University, USA*
- POSTER-05** ● **The Experiences of Unhoused Populations with Faith-Based Social Services: An Integrative Review**  
*Patricia Swanson, University of Texas Medical Branch, USA*
- POSTER-06** ● **Hire to Inspire: Recruitment and Retention via the Nursing Assistant Ladder**  
*Kayleigh McCoy, Duke University Health System, USA*
- POSTER-07** ● **Hire to Inspire: Recruitment and Retention via the Nursing Assistant Ladder**  
*Kim McLeod\_Estes, Duke University Health System, USA*
- POSTER-08** ● **The Unintended Consequences of Mupirocin Misuse: A Threat to Antimicrobial Stewardship**  
*Tracy Williams, Ondine Biomedical, Canada*
- POSTER-09** ● **Comparison Of Leadership Priorities Among Undergraduate And Graduate Nursing Students**  
*Beth Boyd, State University of New York - Delhi campus, USA*
- POSTER-10** ● **Intersecting Wounds: Exploring the Impact of Childhood Trauma on Suicide Risk Across Gender, Racial, and Identity Lines**  
*Anu Charbe, Virginia Commonwealth University, USA*
- POSTER-11** ● **Well Nurses, Well Patients**  
*Karrie Kent, Northwestern Community College, USA*
- POSTER-12** ● **Truth vs. Trend: Tackling Health Misinformation in the Age of Social Media**  
*Madison Flebotte, CT State Northwestern in Winsted, USA*
- POSTER-13** ● **It's Okay Not to Be Okay**  
*Ashley Garcia, CT State Northwestern, USA*
- POSTER-14** ● **It's Okay Not to Be Okay**  
*Tay Major, CT State Northwestern in Winsted, USA*
- POSTER-15** ● **The Hidden Costs of COVID-19: Lasting Impacts on the Healthcare System**  
*Kelsey Armstrong, CT State Northwestern, USA*
- POSTER-16** ● **Advocating for Women's Rights and Respect During Labor**  
*Mapalo Martin, CT State Northwestern, USA*
- POSTER-17** ● **Connecting People, Data, and Knowledge to Improve Maternal and Infant Care**  
*Ashley Finke, Premier Inc, USA*

**POSTER-18**

● **Enhancing the Knowledge and Education of Clozapine in Treatment-Resistant Schizophrenia Among Prescribers in Rural Community Mental Health: A Quality Improvement Project**

*Amanda Raburn-Chenault, Georgia State University, USA*

**POSTER-19**

● **Social Determining Factors Affecting Access to Health in Rural Areas**

*Lanle Sosanya, LU, USA*

**POSTER-20**

● **Investigating Fat Intake and Depression in African American Women: The Health for Hearts United Longitudinal Trial?**

*Dairielle Heath, Florida State University, USA*

**POSTER-21**

● **Beyond the Pavement: Advancing Rural Community Health through Infrastructure and Equity in Montana**

*Everlyne B. Onyinkwa, Montana State University, USA*

**EXHIBITORS****Exhibitor-01**

● *Ami Rubin, Shirin Jarjoura, Andra Latourette, AVR Innovation, USA*

**Exhibitor-02**

● *Kara Murphy, PRS Global, USA*

**08:30-09:00**

**Poster Awards**

**KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS**

- 09:00-09:45** — **Bridging the Gap between Allopathic Care and Traditional Healing in Indigenous Communities**  
*Denise McGinley, Gila River Healthcare, USA*
- 09:45-10:30** — **The Diagnostic Imperative: Optimizing Healthcare Ecosystems through the Business Vitals Framework**  
*Jordan VanName, FusionIQ Nursing Solutions, USA*

Coffee Break 10:30-10:45

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

- 10:45-11:15** — **Leadership and Employee Engagement**  
*Lisa Thompson, South College, USA*
- 11:15-11:45** — **Innovating Curricula to Advance Maternal Health Equity: Addressing Non-Medical Drivers of Health and Respectful Maternity Care**  
*Cameron Dawkins, Morehouse School of Medicine, USA*
- 11:45-12:15** — **What Feels Old is Becoming New Again: Reimagining Workforce Strategies Through Flexibility and Innovation**  
*J.J. Ewing, Shiftmed, USA*
- 12:15-12:45** — **From Clinician to Expert Witness: Translating Standards of Care for the Legal System**  
*Jessica Tonia, FAQ BY Nurse Jessi Consulting, USA*

Lunch Break 12:45-13:30

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS CONTINUE**

- 13:30-14:00** — **Addressing SDOH in Clinicals: Expanding Nursing Student Experiences**  
*Nicole L. Cesarek, CT State Community College, USA*
- 14:00-14:30** — **Enhancing Post-Cardiac Surgery Resuscitation: Implementing the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) Guidelines for Improved Outcomes**  
*Angelica Tobias, Baylor Scott & White The Heart Hospital Plano, USA*
- 14:30-15:00** — **CNS Stimulant Sales in the United States between 2010 to 2024**  
*Yusif Conn, UT Southwestern Peter O'Donnell School of Public Health, USA*
- 15:00-15:30** — **Age-Specific Relationship Between Hiv and Tb Treatment Outcomes in the West Region of Cameroon: A Cross-Sectional Study**  
*Solange Ngala, University of Utah, USA*
- 15:30-16:00** — **Evaluation of the Impact of Cervical Cancer and HPV Educational Awareness Program in Macon County, Alabama from 2018 to 2023**  
*Ehsan Abdalla, Tuskegee University, USA*

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