



Draft Abstract for Nurses Presenting at Conferences

This draft abstract is designed to accompany the CNA educational module *The Environment and Health: An Introduction for Nurses*. You may use this draft abstract as the basis for your submission to a conference's Call for Abstracts.

Abstract to the **TITLE OF CONFERENCE**
NAME OF THEME

Environmental Health and Nursing
NAME, CREDENTIALS

The purpose of this presentation is to educate nurses on current environmental health issues and provide them with practical information on how they can incorporate this knowledge into their work.

In November 2007, in focus groups across the country, Canadians identified air pollution, workplace chemicals, second-hand smoke and pesticides as environmental health issues of concern. Participants in these focus groups also reported that they trusted nurses and valued their expertise on a range of health issues – including the health effects of environmental exposures.

Nurses have reported that they do not feel adequately prepared to assess or mitigate the effects of environmental hazards, and thus educating nurses on their role in environmental health is an important initiative. Through education, nurses learn to consider environmental factors that may be contributing to poor health and how to intervene to reduce or prevent exposures to environmental hazards.

To this end, the presentation will:

1. Provide an overview of global health influences;
2. Identify the links between health and the environment;
3. Explore the roles of nursing in environmental health;
4. Identify examples of environmental health issues; and
5. Propose ways of incorporating environmental health principles into nursing practice, education, research, administration and policy.

Participants will leave the session with a deeper knowledge of environmental health hazards and a sense of how this information can readily be applied in their day-to-day work.

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Note to Potential Conference Presenters

To increase your chance of being accepted as a presenter, you may need to slightly modify the title or body of the abstract to better reflect the conference's theme and sub-themes. You might also consider adding a personal example from your own nursing practice. Congratulations on taking this step and good luck with your presentation!