

CALL FOR ABSTRACT



BOTSWANA NURSING & MIDWIFERY SYMPOSIUM

The BOTSWANA NURSES UNION (BONU) and its partners will host a Nursing and Midwifery symposium on 22nd -23rd September 2025 at ADONSONIA Hotel in Francistown. The theme of the symposium is: **Leveraging research to deliver high quality Nursing and Midwifery care.** The focus of the symposium is to provide an opportunity for open, and flexible learning, sharing knowledge and experiences, identifying important trends in health, and explore applications of knowledge-based discoveries to optimise care in our ever-changing environment.

Abstracts are invited from Nursing and Midwifery practitioners, academics, including research scholars and students. Other health and health related research studies are welcomed.

Abstracts should focus on the following seven (7) thematic areas and be submitted not later than 31st July 2025.

1 Evidence-based practice in Nursing and Midwifery:

- Integrating research findings into clinical practice
- Quality improvement initiatives.

2 Patient and family-centred care Research:

- Role of family in patient care.

3 Technology and health care research:

- Utilizing health technologies to enhance nursing and midwifery care and research
- Impact of technological tools in health care delivery

4 Education and Professional development:

- The role of education in fostering research

5 Innovations in nursing and midwifery practice:

- Emergency, disaster and pandemic preparedness

6 Accessibility to Nursing and Midwifery services

7 Nursing and Midwifery workforce

- Nurses and Midwives safety
- Psychosocial wellbeing of Nurses and Midwives

Abstract submission Instructions and Guidelines.

1. Abstract Preparation – before you start

- a. Review the Focus area
 - b. Prepare your abstract in Microsoft Word or a plain text document
 - c. Have the themes, institutions, and email addresses of all the co-authors readily available
- The abstract submitter is listed as the first author and presenting author. The primary author cannot be changed after submission.
 - Ensure that all authors who contributed to the work are indicated.

Ensure that your abstract contains all the necessary elements required

• Abstract title

- **Introduction and Objectives:** the introduction should provide context to your reader, an introduction to the topic and importance, and your objectives / questions / hypothesis must be stated clearly.

- **Materials and Methods:** Was the approach/ method for answering the question stated clearly and is it appropriate to the study?

- **Results:** are the results clearly stated and placed in their appropriate context? It is necessary to provide a summary of the most important results with clear and concise key findings that include appropriate statistics to support claims of significance.
- **Conclusion:** Is the conclusion clearly communicating the take-home message from the study and is it relating to the study objective
- **Significance/Implication:** Is the significance clearly communicating the importance of the study, future direction of the study?
- **Funding:** if applicable

2. Guidelines

- a. Abstract should be submitted in a pdf document (Font: Times New Romans or Calibre 12, words count of 500 maximum)
- b. A previously published work is not acceptable
- c. Ethical consideration should have been clearly adhered to
- d. One person can be the first author or co-author of multiple abstracts provided that each submission represents distinct research.
- e. Abstracts must be written in English. Non-English must be translated to British English

3. By submitting an abstract, the author(s) certifies that:

- a. Each author listed on the abstract has contributed to the study.
- b. Only approved abstracts will be scheduled for oral presentation or poster.
- c. All abstracts must be submitted electronically

*Presenters and session organizers MUST register for BNMS 2025 by the above date to confirm attendance. Presenters/session organizers who have not registered by this date will have their abstracts removed from the programme.

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