

Dissemination of nursing knowledge - Presentations at professional meetings

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Environmental Advocacy: Nurses On the Frontline Taking Action!

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As the largest group of healthcare professionals, nurses have a unique opportunity to advocate for a healthy environment for their patients. They are articulate spokespersons and a powerful force as individuals and in groups. Increasingly, nurses are concerned with a range of environmental risks to human health. It is this concern and energy that can be captured and directed to create an exceptional voice for change. Multiple professional nursing associations throughout the country have developed environmental task forces that are responding to these concerns. This panel includes representatives from three state task forces: Connecticut, Delaware and Pennsylvania, who will describe their significant and diverse efforts to raise awareness, effect purchasing policy and reach policy makers.