

American Nurses Association Research Agenda

The mission statement of the American Nurses Association (ANA) is *nurses advancing our profession to improve health for all*. Central to this mission is that ANA serves as the profession's advocate for nursing quality outcomes. Quality outcomes require the use of research for evidence-based practice. ANA's goal in developing this research agenda is to identify gaps in evidence for practice. The following agenda provides direction for research activities to ANA's members, its constituent and state nurses associations and organizational affiliates, health care organizations and clinical and academic researchers; priority areas for consideration when submitting a proposal for NDNQI Data Use consideration and potential funding opportunities.

- A. The value of nursing contributions to safety, reliability, quality and efficiency. Identification of:
 - 1. The economic value of nursing
 - 2. Methods that document the value of nursing care outcomes
 - 3. Factors related to the process of care that contribute to improved outcomes
 - 4. Strategies to increase the visibility of nursing care contributions
 - 5. Quality measures to assess outcomes for patients with short stays

- B. Factors that increase the impact of nurses on quality and efficiency. Identification of:
 - 1. Innovative care delivery models that result in improved patient outcomes
 - 2. Measures that demonstrate the role of nurses in care coordination
 - 3. Differences among nursing units related to structural and process measures
 - 4. Institutional changes that facilitate the translation of research into practice
 - 5. Nurses' credentials associated with patient outcomes
 - 6. Strategies for nurses to assess patient understanding of medication management and self care

- C. Use of NDNQI to facilitate patient safety, quality care and efficiency. Identification of:
 - 1. Interventions to promote improved patient outcomes
 - 2. Quality measures that should be added to NDNQI
 - 3. Data sets to complement the use of NDNQI
 - 4. Organizational characteristics of NDNQI hospitals that improve patient care outcomes

- D. Nurse workforce issues. Identification of:
 - 1. Workforce characteristics that contribute to improved patient outcomes
 - 2. Right mix of nurses to meet the needs of the population
 - 3. Roles and settings in which nurses work
 - 4. Impact of workplace violence and whistle blower issues on nurse satisfaction and retention
 - 5. Impact of safe patient handling programs on nurses
 - 6. Effect of workplace stress on nurses

- E. Population health issues. Identification of:
 - 1. Nurses' contributions to reducing health disparities
 - 2. Nurses' contributions to population health issues
 - 3. Nurses' application of genetic and genomic information and technology in practice