

Nurses pushing roles and responsibilities in Vaccination Leadership and Education

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The European Specialist Nurses Organisation (ESNO) announces its commitment to advancing the role of nurses in vaccination leadership, education, and recognition. During a special session on vaccination at the recent ESNO congress 5-7 June in Milan, it became evident that the critical role nurses play in vaccination is often overlooked and underappreciated. This oversight necessitates four immediate action to elevate the status and competency of nurses within this vital healthcare domain.

Together, they emphasize the urgent need for enhanced education and the establishment of a complementary nurse curriculum that builds upon a bachelor's degree and recognizes program leadership. Nurses in addition to administering vaccines need to play a more active role in:

- Nurse **prescribing** in needed vaccinations,
- Nurse **public education** regarding the vital necessity of vaccines,
- Nurses being **part in regional and national policy settings** (re)vaccine recommendation,
- Nurses **roles in implementation for public health** and protection and prevention.

These and other relevant roles should be integrated in existing education systems and for leadership roles in advancing population vaccination there can be an additional certificate program.

ESNO is taking proactive steps to initiate initiatives to support the mentioned requirements and calls for a comprehensive approach to support the aspects in European context. ESNO and the undersigned signers, calls on health institutes and relevant stakeholders to support crucial initiative supporting the . By investing in the education and recognition of nurses, we push the new legacy that purpose in their dedication with essential contributions to public health.

Francisco Lozano of Cancer Patient Europe, Judith Shamian, emeritus president ICN and CNA, Daniela Lehwaldt, chair of the ICN Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Vedrana Vejzovic, chair of ESNO Scientific Committee, Karen Delay from the Colleges of Nursing and Health USA, and George Kassianos of the European Scientific Working Group on Influenza, have united in this effort.

The European Specialist Nurses Organisation (ESNO) is a non-profit organisation and the goal is to facilitate and provide an effective framework for communication and co-operation between the European Specialist Nurses Organisations and its constituent members. ESNO represents the mutual interests and benefits of these organisations to the wider European community in the interest of the public health. Members of ESNO consist of individual European specialist nurses organizations.

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