

European Respiratory Society Annual Congress 2012

Abstract Number: 399

Publication Number: 1848

Abstract Group: 9.3. Nurses

Keyword 1: Nursing care **Keyword 2:** Education **Keyword 3:** Health policy

Title: New Zealand adult respiratory nursing knowledge and skills framework: A platform for competence development

Mrs. Victoria Perry 3103 Perry Victoria.perry@midcentraldhb.govt.nz . ¹ Respiratory Services, Palmerston North Hospital, Palmerston North, Manawatu, New Zealand, 4400 .

Body: Respiratory nurses in New Zealand (NZ) are required by the Nursing Council of NZ and national legislation to provide evidence of competence however, there has been an absence of an agreed articulation of the respiratory specific knowledge and skills required to demonstrate this. A national working group of respiratory nurses therefore undertook to develop a national respiratory knowledge and skills framework that offers a mechanism for the development of a range of transferable clinical skills, seeks to minimise risk to patients, nurses and employers, provides a reference point for curricula and a mechanism for nurses to measure effectiveness of their practice. This presentation will describe the aims of the framework, process of development, scope for application, implementation to date, and initial evaluation.