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## **PRESENTATION HEADING**

*The role of Specialist Nursing Organisations/Associations*

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# Introduction

- The nursing profession has a wide scope of practice, however since decades a broad variety of nursing specialties has been developed and evidence of improved quality of care is published in several peer reviewed journals.
- These specialties are well established under different umbrellas and are continually evolving
- These specialists bridge the gap in neglected areas of health care and provide high quality of care
- Specialist nurses by their advanced professional training, experience and education, in their specific roles as clinicians, researchers, educators and policy influencers etc., have much to offer in the management of diseases

# *What is their role*

- To protect the rights of their own members
- To advocate on issues of the said specialty and act as the pool of knowledge for that said specialty
- To capacitate, inform and develop their members with new developments in the specialty in order to remain relevant in the context they operate
- To safeguard the integrity of the specialty in the nursing profession to improve patient through evidence based practice
- To generate new knowledge that may influence policy makers in order to improve health services and the lives of citizens
- To collaborate with other specialties in order to forge united front when dealing with broad issues in the nursing profession
- To be the voice of reason within that specialty

# *Why is it important?*

- Specialist nursing organization/association are a pool of knowledge where the nursing profession can tap into
- They are experts in their field thus can give valuable information to the profession regarding issues within their field
- With the current health care system and threats to health multi-disciplinary workforce in the nursing profession is essential to deal with challenges we are facing as a profession
- If specialist nursing organizations/associations collaborate with others they have a greater chance of being heard or listened to when lobbying (**There is strength in numbers**)

# *How do we forge unity*

- Collaboration
- Sharing best practices
- Be centers of knowledge
- Research
- Speak in one voice
- Embrace our diversity within nursing without compromising the profession

*(Work hand in hand with the National Nursing Association in the country)*

# *Conclusion*

The specialties Nursing organizations/associations are critical for generating the energy, flow of ideas and pro-active work needed in the profession to maintain a healthy profession that advocates for the needs of its clients and nurses, and most importantly the trust of the society.

***Thank you for listening***