



N³ET E-Update (No. 05/2005)

The National Nursing and Nursing Education Taskforce (N³ET) was announced in 2003. Following each meeting an E-Update is prepared and circulated to interested stakeholders. E-Updates are brief summaries of the key issues from each Taskforce meeting or other recent news/matters.

N³ET Alliance to progress scope of practice work

With the establishment of the **N³ET Alliance** (refer N³ET Update No. 04/2005) a new period of national action is underway. The Alliance of N³ET with:

- *Australia and New Zealand Council of Chief Nurses (ANZ-CCN),*
- *Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery–Australian and New Zealand (CDNM-ANZ) and*
- *Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council (ANMC)*

has now agreed the [priority areas for action](#) to achieve national consistency and are finalising arrangements on how the work will be undertaken and the timelines.

Interested in what types of research nurses undertake? Does a particular advertisement on TV with nurses make you see red?

Between now and November 2005, consultation forums are being held in each State and Territory to canvas the views of nurses and midwives on:

- What should be **national priorities for research** by nurses/midwives (Rec 8) and,
- **Media and Communication principles** for nursing/midwifery in Australia (Rec 9)

As reported in previous **E-Updates**, Nursing Education and Workforce Forums have been established in each State and territory and are hosted by Chief Nurses. They bring together a range of stakeholders from both private and public, Higher Education and TAFE/VET sector providers, NRAs, industrial and professional groups, employers etc to identify and address local and regional nursing education and workforce issues and provide a vehicle for jurisdictions to facilitate the implementation of those Recommendations from Our Duty of Care referred to States and Territories, as well as to assist the N³ET in its work.

The contact details for all State and Territory **Forums** are available on our website, so if you are interested in having your say on these important issues, find out when the next event in your area is planned.

N³ET Paper on advanced practice and specialisation.

As part of the N³ET work on scope of practice, nurse specialisation and nurse practitioners (NP), a paper that explores some of the issues around the confusing array of terminology and use of concepts such as advanced, enhanced, extended, expanded and augmented. We all seem to use these terms differently – does it matter? In October 2005, the Taskforce plans to release a paper that will explore some of these issues as a “primer” for the work on specialisation and NPs. The paper will be available on our website.

“N³ET Solution-Seeker” Website soon to be launched

In considering how work was to progress, Health Ministers asked the Taskforce to identify and disseminate existing “best practice” in relation to a number of recommendations, including Recommendations 28 – Work Organisation, Recommendation 30 – Workplace Culture and Recommendation 36 – Nursing Leadership & Management.

As the Taskforce implements other recommendations, we have found many interesting and innovative approaches to nursing issues that are trying to address “common problems”. Too often someone else is working on the same problem, “just down the road” and we just don’t know about it. To help you find out about work that others are doing, N³ET will be hosting a website called “**Solution-Seekers**”. On this site you will be able search for work related to the recommendations that you are interested in, find a short summary of the work and contact details of those responsible for it. Details of the **Solution-Seekers** URL will be released in the next few weeks.

For more information (including previous E-Updates) on N³ET, go to

<http://www.nnnet.gov.au/>

Have you registered as a Stakeholder yet? If not, go to the N3ET website and follow the links to Stakeholder registration.