

## YOUR GLOBAL VOICE FOR NURSING INFORMATICS

The International Medical Informatics Association Nursing Informatics (IMIA NI) is a global network aimed at enhancing information management and patient care through collaboration, knowledge sharing, and innovation.

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The convergence of International Nurses Day on 12 May 2025 and the ongoing advancements in nursing informatics offers a profound reflection on the legacy of Florence Nightingale, often hailed as the first nurse informatician.



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#### ***Florence Nightingale: The First Nurse Informatician***

Florence Nightingale (1820–1910) is widely recognized as a founder of modern nursing—and also as a pioneer of nursing informatics. During the Crimean War, she used data collection and visualizations, such as the polar area diagram, to reveal the causes of mortality and drive healthcare reform. Her integration of statistics into nursing laid the foundation for evidence-based practice and continues to shape data-informed healthcare today.

***Florence Nightingale's Polar Area Diagram illustrating causes of mortality in the British Army during the Crimean War***



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#### ***International Nurses Day 2025: Honoring the Legacy***

Celebrated annually on 12 May—Florence Nightingale's birthday—International Nurses Day recognises the vital contributions of nurses worldwide. The 2025 theme, selected by the International Council of Nurses (ICN), is "Our Nurses. Our Future. Caring for nurses strengthens economies." This theme emphasises the importance of investing in nurses' health and well-being, acknowledging that a robust nursing workforce is essential for resilient healthcare systems and economies. ICN - International Council of Nurses

For more information and read the report in full go to **ICN International Nurses Day 2025**



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#### ***Celebrating Nightingale's Enduring Influence***

Florence Nightingale's legacy continues to shape nursing through data-driven care and innovation. Events like the **Marian Barrett Lecture on 13 May 2025 at the University of Melbourne, Victoria Australia, presented by Dawn Dowding** will explore how digital systems enhance healthcare outcomes.

#### ***Modern Nursing Informatics: Continuing the Tradition***

Rooted in Nightingale's legacy, today's nursing informatics harnesses technology to improve patient outcomes. Key developments include:

**Ethical AI:** Ensuring AI tools support person-centred, secure care.

**Education:** Programs like the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Informatics Leadership prepare nurses to drive digital change.

**Remote Roles:** Around 80% of nurse informaticians now work remotely in areas such as data analysis and EMR management.

These advances reflect Nightingale's enduring influence, evolving her data-driven approach for the digital era.

#### ***Coming up:***

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**Together, let's strengthen the future of digital health.**

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### **Friends of the National Library of Medicine to Honor Dr. Susan K. Newbold at Awards Gala Newbold to Receive the 2025 Nursing Informatics Award**

Susan K. Newbold, PhD, RN, Honored with Prestigious FNLN Nursing Informatics Award.

We are delighted to share that IMIA Nursing Informatics member Dr. Susan K. Newbold has been named the recipient of the 2025 Friends of the National Library of Medicine (FNLN) Nursing Informatics Award. This prestigious recognition honors her outstanding leadership, global influence, and unwavering dedication to advancing nursing informatics through education, innovation, and practice.



Based in Franklin, Tennessee, Dr. Newbold has long been a trailblazer in the field. She launched her now-renowned Nursing Informatics Boot Camp in 1995 and continues to educate nurses at all levels—from undergraduate to DNP. Her contributions include co-editing five books, publishing widely, and providing informatics education and consulting internationally across countries including Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Singapore, Slovenia, and Taiwan.

Dr. Newbold also founded CARING (Capital Area Roundtable on Informatics in Nursing), which evolved into the American Nursing Informatics Association (ANIA)—a key force in shaping nursing informatics as a recognized specialty.

Her many accolades include the Outstanding Nurse Educator of the Year from the Maryland Nurses Association, an Excellence in Teaching Award from Vanderbilt University, and the HIT Men-HIT Women Award for advancing patient care through technology.

The award will be formally presented to Dr. Newbold at the 2025 FNLN Awards Gala on September 8, 2025, in Washington, DC.

**<https://www.fnln.org/friends-of-the-national-library-of-medicine-to-honor-dr-susan-k-newbold-at-awards-gala/>**

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### Get Involved: Join a Working Group

Contribute to the future of nursing informatics through specialized panels

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Governance Advisory Panel (Chairs: Laura-Maria Peltonen)

Practice Advisory Panel (Chairs: Janette Gogler, Clair Lunt)

Research Advisory Panel (Chairs: Charlene Ronquillo, Aaron Conway)

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**Some global Nursing Informatics events expected in 2025 include:**

**The Marian Barrett Lecture:** University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, on 13 May 2025

**ICN Congress:** Helsinki, Finland, 9-13 June 2025

**35th Medical Informatics Europe Conference (#MIE2025):** Glasgow, Scotland, 19 to 21 May 2025

**20th World Congress on Medical and Health Informatics, MedInfo 2025:** Taiwan Association for Medical Informatics (TAMI) . from August 9 to 13, 2025

**EFMI STC 2025 – Good Evaluation – Better Digital Health:** Osnabrück Germany, 20 to 22 October 2025

**NI 2028 Advance Notice:** November 2-5, Las Vegas, USA (Theme: "Pushing Boundaries: Digital in a Nursing World")

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**Together, we're driving innovation and transforming nursing care worldwide. Stay connected!**

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