



Key Issues Impacting Health Care Delivery - Now and into the Future

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We are so excited to announce our next CPD cruise adventure — a conference that sails from Tahiti to Fiji aboard the Norwegian Spirit!

Imagine crystal-clear lagoons, palm-fringed beaches, where the gentle ocean breezes form the backdrop for an unforgettable conference experience.

Between vibrant learning sessions and thought-provoking discussions, you'll have time to unwind, connect, and explore some of the world's most breathtaking destinations.

WHAT THIS CONFERENCE IS ABOUT

In an era of rapidly evolving demographics, technologies, workforce shifts and global health threats, the delivery of health care is under unprecedented pressure — and unprecedented opportunity. Health systems everywhere wrestle with ageing populations, rising chronic disease burdens, escalating costs, workforce fatigue and shortages, digital & data transformation, equity and access gaps, climate change, pandemics and the burgeoning promise (and peril) of artificial intelligence and genomics.

By 2027, we expect these pressures to intensify and intersect in new ways: models of care must shift from acute, episodic treatment to proactive, integrated, community-based, data-driven, patient-centred structures. Attention must be paid not just to what care is delivered, but how, where, by whom, and under what system of values.

This conference invites health care workers, educators, clinicians, policymakers, innovators and system leaders to explore the key issues shaping care delivery today — and to peer beyond the horizon to what is coming next. We'll challenge the status quo, interrogate assumptions, highlight evidence, and practise pragmatic strategies. The aim is less “fluffy vision” and more “what works now, and what we must be ready for”.

WHY ATTEND?

Because this isn't your typical conference, it's professional growth wrapped in a tropical escape. Earn valuable CPD hours through engaging, evidence-based sessions while cruising from Tahiti to Fiji. Reconnect with like-minded professionals, recharge under the South Pacific sun, and return home inspired, renewed, and reminded why you love what you do.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this Conference, participants will be able to:

1. Analyse major current and emerging drivers of change in health care delivery (e.g., demographic shifts, workforce dynamics, digital/AI, cost pressures, equity) and understand their implications for health care delivery, education and leadership.
2. Evaluate new models of care and organisational responses that are being developed or trialled, including community-based, virtual/telehealth, integrated care, and how nurses and other health care workers can lead or adapt within them.
3. Apply frameworks and strategies for building resilience in health services — across workforce wellbeing, health system shocks (pandemics, climate events), and digital threats (cybersecurity, data governance) — to their own local context.
4. Design or propose an initiative, practice improvement or policy change relevant to their setting that responds to one or more of these key issues (e.g., harnessing AI ethically in practice; redesigning care for older adults; strengthening inter-professional collaboration; addressing health inequities).



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS THEMES

We invite submissions from clinicians, educators, researchers and health leaders who can offer fresh, evidence-informed perspectives or practice-based insights. Abstracts addressing one of the conference themes may present

- Original research, program evaluations, or innovations in care delivery
- Case studies highlighting lessons learned or best practice
- Policy or system reforms with practical implications
- Educational strategies and inter-professional initiatives

Conference Themes to Consider

1. Demographics, Chronic Disease & Ageing Populations

- The shifting burden: non-communicable diseases, multi-morbidities, geriatric complexity.
- Workforce implications: fewer working-age carers, more dependent older people.
- Designing care models for ageing in place, community vs institutional care.
- Health promotion, prevention and self-management in a chronically ill population.

2. Workforce, Wellbeing & Professional Practice

- Recruitment, retention, burnout and the evolving nursing role.
- New roles, advanced practice, substitution and inter-professional teams.
- Digital health literacy, competency development, lifelong learning.
- Boundaries, ethics and professionalism in new models of care (telehealth, AI, remote work).

3. Digital, Data, AI & Technology in Care Delivery

- Telehealth, remote monitoring, wearables and home-based care.
- Artificial intelligence, algorithm bias, ethics of machine-augmented care.
- Data interoperability, cybersecurity, digital resilience.
- Human + machine: what does health care delivery mean in a digitally-augmented future?

4. Equity, Access & Social Determinants of Health

- Health disparities by geography (rural/remote), socioeconomic status, and ethnicity.
- Addressing social determinants in the era of constrained resources.
- Cultural safety, inclusive care design, community participation in service planning.
- Global perspectives and lessons for Australia (and vice versa).

5. Sustainability, Cost Pressures & Value-Based Care

- Economic pressures: rising costs, inflation, constrained budgets.
- Value-based health care, outcomes measurement, service redesign.
- Environmental sustainability in health care delivery: climate change impacts, resource use, resilient infrastructure.
- Innovation vs waste: how to adopt selectively and responsibly.

6. System Resilience, Crisis Preparedness & Emerging Threats

- Lessons from pandemics (e.g., COVID 19) and other health shocks.
- Climate change, natural disasters, supply-chain disruption, cyber threats inside health care.
- Building agile systems: rapid response, adaptability, learning health systems.
- Leadership and change-management in high-stress, uncertain contexts.

7. Patient Experience, Consumerism & Care Models of the Future

- The empowered patient/consumer: expectations of convenience, access, digital engagement.
- Co-design, shared decision-making, personalised medicine/genomics.
- Shifting places of care: home, community, remote, hospital.
- Measuring what matters: patient-reported outcomes, experience metrics, real-world evidence.

For abstract submission details [click here](#)

"Presented so well, Sue captures the audience in a calm & happy way. Meditation should be a daily part of our lives & having the knowledge from Sue I am sure my day will be calmer as I practice what Sue has shown us." - Leanne

"Sue is an outstanding educator. The pace and content of this seminar was fantastic. Participants were encouraged to participate as able. I took away quite a few items for use later." - Janet

DETAILED ITINERARY



Day 1: Sunday, 11/07/2027 | Depart Papeete (Tahiti), French Polynesia

Your journey begins in Papeete, the vibrant capital of Tahiti, where French flair meets island soul. Fragrant frangipani fills the air, the waterfront hums with colour and music, and the locals greet you with that effortless Polynesian warmth.

Wander through bustling markets overflowing with tropical fruit, pearls, and handcrafted treasures, or take in the turquoise lagoons that fringe the island. With its blend of natural beauty and cultural charm, Papeete is the perfect place to begin your CPD adventure — a paradise that instantly reminds you to slow down, breathe deeply, and simply be.

1800 – 1900: Conference Registration and Welcome Function

Enjoy this opportunity to mingle with the other attendees at the complimentary drinks and Conference Registration function.

All delegates should attend the Conference registration session to collect their Conference pack and confirm registration details to ensure the correct issuing of their CPD certificate.

2200: We set Sail

Make sure you are on deck to say bon voyage.

Day 2: 12/07/2027, Monday | Moorea, French Polynesia

0700 – 1700: Explore this Port at your Leisure

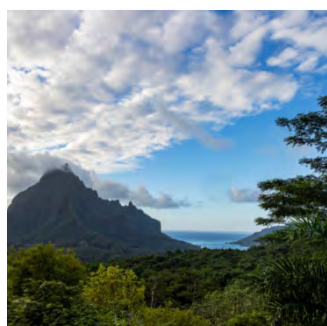
Just a short sail from Tahiti lies Moorea, a vision of emerald peaks rising from a turquoise lagoon. Known as the "Magical Island," Moorea feels like stepping into a postcard where lush mountains tumble into the sea, and time slows to the rhythm of the waves. Whether you're exploring hidden bays, tasting fresh pineapple from local plantations, or simply floating in the warm, crystal-clear water, Moorea captures the heart and leaves a lasting sense of calm and wonder.

1800 – 1900: Networking Session

Join presenters and other attendees to discuss the events of the day and get to know each other.



Day 3: 13/07/2027, Tuesday | Raiatea, French Polynesia



0700 – 1700: Explore this Port at your Leisure

Rich in legend and lush with tropical beauty, Raiatea is often called the "Sacred Island" — the spiritual heart of Polynesia. It's a place where history, culture, and nature intertwine; where ancient marae (temples) whisper stories of the past, and winding rivers lead deep into rainforest valleys. Peaceful and profoundly beautiful, Raiatea offers a glimpse into the soul of the islands — calm, connected, and timeless.

1800 – 1900: Networking Session

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Day 4: 14/07/2027, Wednesday | Bora Bora, French Polynesia

0700 – 1700: Explore this Port at your Leisure

Few places on earth capture the imagination quite like Bora Bora. With its crystal-clear lagoon, overwater bungalows, and emerald peaks rising straight from the sea, it's the very definition of paradise. Whether you're drifting over coral gardens, strolling the soft white sands, or simply watching the sun paint the sky in shades of gold and rose, Bora Bora will leave you breathless — and wishing time would stand still.



1800 – 1900: Networking Session

Join presenters and other attendees to discuss the events of the day and get to know each other.

Day 5: 15/07/2027, Thursday | Conference Day

This will be a full conference day which will include sessions in line with the conference themes.

1800 – 1900: Networking Session

Join presenters and other attendees to discuss the events of the day and get to know each other.

Day 6: 16/07/2027, Friday | Rarotonga, Cook Islands

0700 – 1600: Explore this Port at your Leisure

Rarotonga is the kind of place that stays with you long after you leave. Encircled by a turquoise lagoon and framed by lush volcanic peaks, it's both breathtaking and beautifully simple. Whether you're exploring coral reefs, strolling through the markets, or simply watching the palm trees sway, Rarotonga feels like the South Pacific at its most pure — warm, welcoming, and wonderfully unhurried.



1800 – 1900: Networking Session

Join presenters and other attendees to discuss the events of the day and get to know each other.

Day 7: 17/07/2027, Saturday | Conference Day

This will be a full conference day which will include sessions in line with the conference themes.

1800 – 1900: Networking Session

Join presenters and other attendees to discuss the events of the day and get to know each other.

Day 8: 18/07/2027, Sunday | Pago Pago, American Samoa

0900 – 1800: Explore this Port at your Leisure

Framed by dramatic green peaks and a sparkling harbour, Pago Pago is pure island beauty.

Friendly locals, colourful markets, and lush rainforest walks make it a stop that feels both wild and welcoming — the perfect mix of adventure and island charm.

1800 – 1900: Networking Session

Join presenters and other attendees to discuss the events of the day and get to know each other.



Day 9: 19/07/2027, Monday | Conference Day (Crossing International Date Line)

This will be a full conference day which will include sessions in line with the conference themes.

1800 – 1900: Networking Session

Join presenters and other attendees to discuss the events of the day and get to know each other



Day 10: Tuesday 20/07/2027 | Apia, Samoa Islands

0700 – 1700: Explore this Port at your Leisure

Bursting with colour and culture, Apia is the heart of the Samoan Islands — where island life feels both relaxed and deeply alive. Wander the waterfront, visit the lively markets, or take in the island's natural beauty with waterfalls and lush gardens just a short drive away. Everywhere you go, you'll be met with warmth, music, and that unmistakable Samoan spirit.

1800 – 1900: Networking Session

Join presenters and other attendees to discuss the events of the day and get to know each other.

Day 11: 21/07/2027, Wednesday | Apia, Samoa Islands

0700 – 1700: Explore this Port at your Leisure

Bursting with colour and culture, Apia is the heart of the Samoan Islands — where island life feels both relaxed and deeply alive. Wander the waterfront, visit the lively markets, or take in the island's natural beauty with waterfalls and lush gardens just a short drive away. Everywhere you go, you'll be met with warmth, music, and that unmistakable Samoan spirit.

1800 – 1900: Networking Session

Join presenters and other attendees to discuss the events of the day and get to know each other.



Day 12: 22/07/2027, Thursday | Conference Day

This will be a full conference day which will include sessions in line with the conference themes.

1800 – 1900: Networking Session

Join presenters and other attendees to discuss the events of the day and get to know each other.



Day 13: 23/07/2027, Friday | Dravuni Island, Fiji

0700 – 1700: Explore this Port at your Leisure

Tiny, untouched, and utterly beautiful — Dravuni Island is the South Pacific at its most pure. With soft white sand, swaying palms, and water so clear it feels unreal, this little gem offers a glimpse of island life unchanged for generations. A perfect spot to slow down, breathe, and simply enjoy paradise.

1800 – 1900: Networking Session

Join presenters and other attendees to discuss the events of the day and get to know each other.

Day 14: 24/07/2027, Friday | Lautoka, Fiji

0700: Disembark – safe travels!

Our journey ends in Lautoka, Fiji's lively "Sugar City," where emerald mountains meet the sparkling sea. It's the perfect place to say vinaka — thank you — to the islands that have inspired, restored, and reconnected us. As you disembark, take with you the warmth of Fijian smiles, the calm of the ocean, and memories of a voyage that blended learning, laughter, and pure island magic.

"Sue discussed all the topics in a manner that made it easy to understand and related it to our nursing background. Sue spoke clearly and included us all, I thoroughly enjoyed all the sessions. think this is a great way to earn CPD and use professional development leave. I intend to present an in-service on my experience to encourage others to do the same." - Rosalyn

OUR PRESENTER



Sue Walker, RN, BN, BN (ADMIN), MPH (PALCARE), MACN, Specialist Nurse Educator

Sue is the director and co-founder of the Nurses for Nurses Network. Sue is a key contributor to the online education platform Nursing CPD – a Continuing Professional Development library.

As a Registered Nurse, Sue holds Degrees in both Nursing and Health Administration, a Master's Degree in Public Health, as well as a number of certificate courses in Psychiatry of Ageing, Gerontology, Chemotherapy Administration, Training and Assessment. She is also an Accredited Mental Health First Aid Trainer, Mindfulness Practitioner, and Clinical Supervisor.

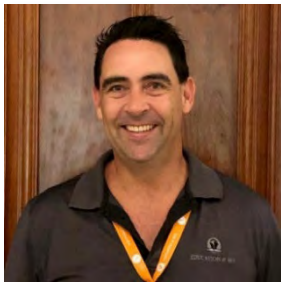
Sue has extensive experience both as a clinician, educator, and senior manager. She has presented at local and international conferences on many topics including key issues such as the psychological impact of the work that Nurses do and how the work requirements to deliver healthcare impact on the health of the clinician. Sue is passionate about making a difference to the way in which people experience the health care system.

Nurses are the backbone of the healthcare system and work in difficult environments that can take advantage of their caring nature and commitment to ensuring the best possible care is delivered. Our health care system relies on Nurses to work extra shifts, longer shifts, double shifts. It relies on Nurses and Midwives willingly changing their plans to meet the needs of the organisation, to the detriment of their own personal lives and relationships.

“Healthcare should be delivered by competent, knowledgeable individuals to ensure the best possible experience for the recipient of that care. Nursing is a fabulous profession. It is the knowledge and skill of the individual Nurse that will have the greatest influence on the happiness and health outcomes of each and every client.”

OUR CONVENOR

Jason Dawson



Jason is from the Gold Coast, Queensland. Whilst studying for his Bachelor of Nursing at Southern Cross University, he developed an interest in mental health and has worked in this field of nursing for many years since completing his studies in 2008. During this time, Jason has undertaken varied roles, including Acute Inpatient Nursing, Community Nursing, clinical facilitating and Nurse Unit Manager positions.

In 2012, Jason combined his passion for nursing with his love of travel and founded CPD Cruise Pty Ltd with the view to providing Nurses, Midwives, Allied Health Professionals and Teachers /Educators the opportunity to update and improve their skills in diverse and unique locations.

REGISTRATION COSTS

\$1390.00 incl GST (NB: Registration cost doesn't include travel, accommodation, or travel insurance.)

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VENUE



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Whether you're unwinding by the pool, catching a show, or watching the sun dip below the horizon, the *Spirit* makes the journey as unforgettable as the destinations themselves.

HOW TO DRESS ON A CRUISE SHIP



Most cruise lines offer a casual atmosphere onboard. Casual attire is the norm during the day, and there is no formal dress code at night. However, many passengers choose to change into something slightly less casual for dinner.

At least once per sailing, during which passengers are encouraged to dress up. While you rarely see tuxedos or evening gowns, suits and cocktail dresses are quite common.

Additionally, ships usually host several themed nights, such as White Parties, '70s, or '80s Night, Hawaiian or even Mexican during each sailing. It's a good idea to bring along a few themed items.

NB: Closer to your sail date you will be able to see what the exact theme nights are being held via your cruise companies app.

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- An extensive Conference program based on current best practice
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- A Conference Transcript that identifies each session held at the Conference including the session synopsis and session presenter
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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Conference Details:

Conference Title:	Key Issues Impacting Health Care Delivery — Now and in the Future		
Date:	11 – 24 July 2027	Location:	Cruising from Papeete, Tahiti to Lautoka, Fiji
Submission Deadline:	30 th April 2026	Contact for Enquiries:	Sue Walker via enquiries@nfnn.com.au

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Word count and Presentation Length:	• 500 words • Presentation at the conference will be 45 minutes and allow 10 minutes for questions
Specific Formatting Requirements:	• Double spaced in arial font
List of Required Sections:	• Identify the theme you are submitting for • Background information to the topic you have chosen • Implication for health care delivery
Additional Information:	• Requirements for AV equipment or other presentation needs
Submit Abstract to:	Sue Walker via enquiries@nfnn.com.au

Successful Submission

- Successful submissions will be notified in May 2026
- The successful applicants will need to register to attend the conference and pay their deposit for the cruise.
- Successful applicants will receive a \$200 discount from the conference registration fee as recognition of their contribution to the conference program.