

## EULAR Clinical Nurse Study Group

The Clinical Nurse Study Group has been meeting for a number of years and has supported specific issues related to musculoskeletal nursing issues. This informal group has identified areas of interest and need for on-going support that encourage wider communication within the EULAR family and encourage greater participation during the Annual EULAR Congress.

The EULAR Clinical Nurse Study Group promotes nursing collaboration on key clinical and developmental issues in nursing. This is achieved by providing an encouraging and open forum that enables nurses new to EULAR or the field to gain confidence in preparing and presenting audits, papers and presentations. There is a specific focus on optimising nursing activities working alongside and in collaboration with other discipline specific study groups.

There is a strong collaboration between this group and the EULAR Nurse Research and Strategy Group (REST). Nurses who participate in this study group have access to the EULAR Nurse Research and Strategy Group if they wish to progress a specific research or educational agenda beyond the initial network with the EULAR Clinical Nursing Study Group or wish to work more strategically on research and implementation (as outlined in remit of the EULAR Nurse Research and Strategy Group)

The main objectives for the EULAR Clinical Nurse Study Group are:

- To create a network of European nurses for sharing information, clinical experience and collaboration.
- To share and critically appraise nursing projects and best practices presented by the nurse involved.
- To provide a platform and a forum for nurses to discuss key nursing issues in a supportive and educational format.
- Act as a vital resource for nurses new to EULAR or to the speciality providing information on awards and bursaries, training courses, e-learning and network with nurses in other member countries

Founding members of the EULAR Clinical Nurse Study Group include;

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The study group is open for any new applicant at all times and we hope to expand the network and encourage wider representation from all European members where possible.