



Nursing research: Memorandum of Understanding between FNOPI-CERSI and RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences in Dublin for the development of the profession

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between FNOPI-CERSI, the Center of Excellence for Nursing Research and Development was established by the Federation and the RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences in Dublin, to promote nursing research also at an international level and all the initiatives related to it.

The MoU starts from the need identified by both parties to jointly promote research, education, professional development, and scientific updating in the field of nursing, also through interdisciplinary surveys, to develop the quality of care provided to citizens and improve the public's perception of the nursing profession.

Another objective is to stimulate the development of the competencies and performance of individual professionals and research teams committed to providing scientific evidence for a safe and effective clinical practice.

The joint initiatives will help expand nursing research towards interdisciplinary inquiry, to develop the quality of the care provided, and to advance the public's perception of the nursing profession.

To achieve these objectives, the agreement aims to:

- Create and implement joined multicentric and multisite research projects.
- Develop and strengthen research projects among national and international partners.
- Implement outcomes and policy focused research initiatives instrumental to develop nursing.
- drive change via evidence-based practice.
- Translate research outcomes into evidence-based practice, disseminating research findings to attain high quality patient care that ensures patient safety.
- Promote health and wellbeing in communities via research.

To do this, FNOPI-CERSI and RCSI commit to guaranteeing an effective collaboration so that the MoU is disseminated and known at supranational and regional levels, promoting the initiative, and ensuring adequate communication through the available media channels.

Of course, all this thanks to a continuous and constant collaboration between the respective working groups, necessary for the optimal implementation of the respective activities

"Our task – declared Loredana Sasso, Scientific Director of CERSI, chaired by the President of FNOPI, Barbara Mangiacavalli – is to play a key role in policy and research in terms of building a 'meta-capacity', bringing together the best knowledge and the best experts in the specific field of nursing, and its resource and strategic strength are the development and sharing of knowledge through studies and research and collaborations at local and international level".

"Thanks to nursing research and its development also at an international level - said Barbara Mangiacavalli - we make our most advanced skills available to our Country, gained over years of academic education and research in strategic areas for our contemporary society: aging of the population, management of chronic conditions, quality of life of the most fragile people, starting from the first place of care, which is in the homes of the people, enhancing nursing research, and also improving cooperation between universities, hospitals and the community, offering nursing care to patients and families based on the best available evidence, and improving patient outcomes".

"This type of partnership – commented Thomas Kearns, Executive Director of the RCSI Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery – aims to maximize the nursing response to current and emerging health service challenges. It provides a model to support the development of advanced practice for our graduates, which will help build a critical mass of nurses working to the highest standards and ensuring the best quality. This is the kind of leadership that is required locally and internationally, to achieve the health agenda goals by expanding the role and responsibility of nurses."