



## **PLENARY PANEL- Uniting for Health Equity: Revolutionary Partnerships in Nursing Research**

### **Session Objectives:**

- Demonstrate how interdisciplinary and multi-sector partnerships in nursing research can effectively address ongoing health inequities and reduce disease burden across the lifespan.
- Highlight innovative team-based research approaches that leverage advanced technologies in developing, implementing, and sustaining impactful interventions.
- Examine strategic educational and research training partnerships that empower nurse scientists to drive transformative changes across clinical, community, and policy settings.

### **Session Description:**

This plenary session will showcase groundbreaking approaches in nursing research through strategic, interdisciplinary partnerships designed to advance health equity. Building on our conference theme, "Freedom to Advance Health and Well-being Through Revolutionary Nursing Research Partnerships," and echoing the keynote's focus on addressing persistent health inequities, our distinguished presenters will share real-world examples of innovative research collaborations. Participants will explore how these multi-sector partnerships have informed the development, implementation, and evaluation of interventions that tackle the social determinants of health and reduce disease burden across the lifespan. The session will demonstrate how the integration of clinical expertise, advanced technologies, innovative methods, and collaborative research efforts drives meaningful change—from intervention design to policy advocacy. In doing so, we highlight the essential role of nursing research in transforming care delivery and promoting sustainable, equitable health outcomes.

### **Plenary Presenters and Presentation Details:**

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**Title:** Leveraging multi-sector and interdisciplinary collaborations to address the social determinants of health: Lessons from the THRIVE transitional care study.

**Objectives:**

- Identify multi-sector collaborations used in the development of a transitions of care intervention that addresses health related social and clinical needs of economically disadvantaged community members transitioning from hospital to home.
- Describe the results of the Thrive transitional care study including the impact of inclusive partnerships between clinicians, academics and community members

**Description:** This presentation will discuss the use of multi-sector and interdisciplinary collaborations in the development, implementation and evaluation of the Thrive transitional care program. Results of the study, including perspectives of diverse stakeholders will be shared.

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**Title:** Joining Forces with Military Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury and their Families: The Power of Partnerships in Driving Research, Practice, and Policy

**Objectives**

- Describe a program of interprofessional research addressing the needs of Veterans with chronic TBI symptoms and their family members.
- Celebrate the power and synergy of community partnerships that have shaped practice, policy, and research directions around the care of Veterans with TBI and their families.

**Description:** Traumatic brain injury (TBI), a major public health problem for civilian and military populations, is now recognized as a “silent epidemic.” TBI creates many challenges for families as well as for patients. Yet, few intervention studies have addressed the needs of patients with TBI and their family members and included both in the intervention process. This presentation describes a program of research that addresses gaps in research and services for Veterans with chronic TBI symptoms and



their family members. Innovative methodological approaches enable the research team to elicit the voices of Veterans and their families and to develop interventions targeted to the problems most important to them. Partnerships among Veterans, families, researchers, clinicians, the VA, academic institutions, professional organizations, and community groups are highlighted. The power and synergy of these partnerships in driving changes in research, practice, and policy are demonstrated. Persons with chronic TBI symptoms and their family caregivers represent a growing but underserved population. This program of research has the potential to benefit over 5.3 million Americans who live with disabilities from TBI and their family caregivers and to transform the paradigm of care for TBI.

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**Title:** The Social Blueprint of Injury: The Power of Collaboration in Prevention Science

**Objectives:**

- To describe interdisciplinary and collaborative nursing research that addresses health inequities and reduces the burden of injury across populations and the lifespan.
- To examine strategic partnerships that enable nurse researchers to advance injury prevention efforts in clinical, community, and policy settings.

**Description:** Injury prevention is shaped by social, structural, and systemic forces that influence health and well-being across the lifespan. This plenary session will explore research that advances injury science by addressing upstream determinants of injury inequities, trauma recovery, and community-based prevention strategies. It will highlight the ways in which social and structural determinants of health shape injury risks and provide exemplars of nursing research leveraging interdisciplinary collaboration for injury prevention in clinical, community, and policy settings.