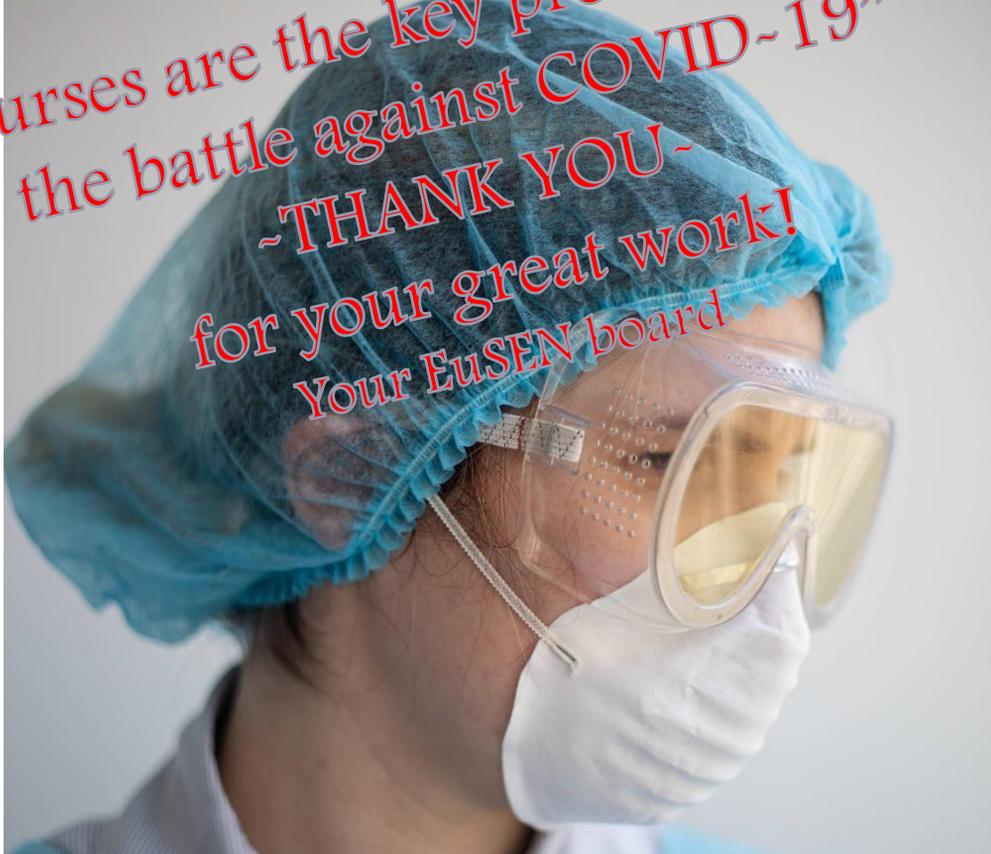




*“Nurses are the key professionals in  
the battle against COVID-19”  
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for your great work!  
Your EuSEN board*



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Intersting article to read:

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/27/coronavirus-takes-emotional-toll-health-workers-suffer-ptsd.html>



Dear members,

The circumstances of the current situation are not improving as we were hoping for and we are all forced to just wait and see what Covid 19 brings next.

A lot of people are facing existential difficulties or are challenged at work to endure different and difficult work conditions to cope with. Unfortunately, 2020 has not shown itself in the golden light of the celebration-year of the nurses.

As you are probably all experiencing, EDs around the world are challenged with a recurring increase of presentations with or without Covid 19; we all have to find new and innovative solutions to cope with this surreal threat.

Especially in times like these, we would wish nothing more than come together as the European

ED nurses and show solidarity amongst us in order to build a strong and supportive professional network.

We should tap each other on the shoulder and say “thank you” for being a nurse, because “Nurses rock” and are evidently the backbone of the healthcare system.

The development of the Covid 19 crisis remains impossible to predict and we have therefore decided heavilyheartedly to cancel the physical congress in 2021. Instead, we decided to organise a smaller, virtual congress.

As such, we would like to invite you to attend the **2<sup>nd</sup> EuSEN congress** on 27 May 2021 virtually. Further information will be provided nearer the date early next year.

Thank you for supporting EuSEN, and foremost, STAY HEALTHY!

# General Assembly 2020

The seats remain empty.....



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The Covid 19 pandemic has hit many countries hard for the second time and none of us can travel. Furthermore, we need to protect the scarce resources of the board members as many hospitals are getting fuller again.

Originally, we had planned to hold the 2020 General Assembly during the 4th Global Conference on Emergency Nursing and Trauma Care in November, as we already had to cancel our own congress in May this year. However, Covid 19 has overthrown this plan too as this conference now got postponed to 2022.

Therefore, the only way we can hold our EuSEN General Assembly this year is by circular resolution.

You will receive the underlying information that we need to resolve on by the end of November via Email.

# Nursing initiative - Switzerland

The umbrella organization of the Swiss nurses (SBK: Schweizer Berufsverband der Pflegefachfrauen und Pflegefachmänner, ASI: L'Association suisse des infirmières et infirmiers; Swiss Nursing Association) has demanded from the government better working conditions for nurses over many years.

In January 2017, the SBK launched a popular initiative to introduce a new law for a strong nursing care that ensures the safety of all patients in the future. In order to submit the initiative to a national popular vote, 50'000 signatures from people with national voting rights need to be collected within a given time limit. All association members and sub-associations supported the SBK in this effort and quickly accumulated more than 78'000 signatures.

The aim of the initiative is above all to prevent the impending nursing shortage and thus ensure the safety of patients in the future. As per research from the SBK, there will be an anticipated shortage of 65'000 nurses by the end of 2030. One reason therefore is that currently only about 43% of the actual demand of nurses is trained annually. The nursing care initiative demands of the federal government and the cantons to invest in the education. They are asked to improve the framework conditions in practice and to legally recognize the independent work of nursing professionals.

One other goal of the nursing initiative is to retain the personnel longer in the occupation, as it is known that every year about 2'400 nursing professionals leave the profession. Most worryingly, almost a third of them even before the age of 35.

The attractiveness of the nursing profession has to be improved with an adequate recognition by the government. This should include allowing the nurses an independent accounting of the tasks provided with or without medical prescription, an improved compatibility of career and family with reliable time and duty scheduling as well as through an improved labor law enforcement and better working conditions.

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Furthermore, the SBK wants to ensure a sufficient nurse/patient ratio in order to prevent burnouts and dissatisfaction at work that leads to nurses leaving the profession. It also results in a higher rate of illness and even death among patients. The initiative requires hospitals to warrant a maximum number of patients by nurse during a given shift.

The federal government does not fully support the initiative and has launched a counter initiative, which, however, has not been acceptable to the SBK.

The current Covid situation has reinforced the importance of caregivers in the public opinion and therefore the relevance of the initiative. It has encouraged the SBK and its members to stand up for their cause.

In order to get more power and audibility the SBK teamed up with other associations and formed an alliance of the health care professions. As a first joint action they planned a protest week, which takes part in different parts of Switzerland by the end of October.

Together they stand for better working conditions for the healthcare workers and for the long overdue upgrading and adequate recognition of their work.

The unsatisfactory conditions to which nurses have been exposed to for years and the pandemic have prompted the associations to join forces for sustainable change to the better.

The information presented is extracted from various articles of the SBK website and serves as abstract.  
<https://www.sbk-be.ch/de/index.html>

Petra Valk-Zwickl Vice president, EuSEN

# Survey form ENA



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Dear EuSEN members,

You are being asked to participate in survey research conducted by the Emergency Nurses Association. The purpose of this research study is to investigate emergency nurses' experience of emergency department visits and patient care related to cannabis use among adult patients' age 18 years and older.

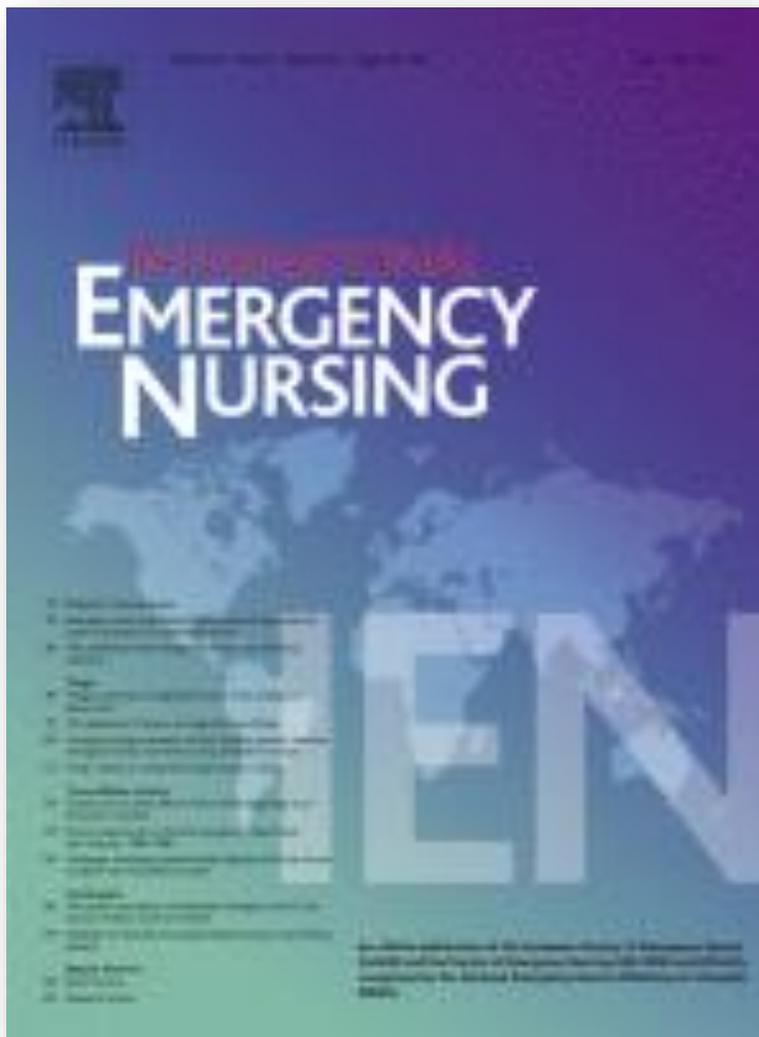
The survey is expected to take 10-15 minutes to complete and requires reading proficiency in English to participate.

Please deploy the survey to your colleague emergency nurses **study results will help** advance the specialty of emergency nursing in the United States and **globally**.

[https://ena.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6msAyku2B0hiuNv](https://ena.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6msAyku2B0hiuNv)

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- \*to promote contacts, exchange and cooperation between European emergency nursing associations
- \*to represent emergency nurses within and outside of Europe
- \*to draft and promote standards for training, implementation of the profession and management in the field of emergency nursing
- \*to harmonize the training of emergency nursing across Europe
- \*to promote cooperation with all healthcare professionals, institutions and organizations with a professional interest in emergency care
- \*to promote basic knowledge about emergencies throughout the population.

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## Application form EuSEN

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*Country*.....

*URL Website*.....

*Number of members*.....

*Does the association follow official statutes*      **Yes**      **No**

*The associations main purpose in emergency care*

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*Name of the President*.....

*Contact address, E-Mail and phone number*  
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