General Instructions:

* **Abstract** not to exceed 250 words (Excludes Title, Author details).
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**ORIGINAL RESEARCH:** Quantitative or qualitative original research must be **completed** with results/findings at the time of submission. Presentation should be presented by a member of the research team. As far as possible, the data presented in the abstract should not be published or presented at another major conference. If previously published or presented, the author (s) must indicate where and when the data was published/presented.

**QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (QI) PROJECTS:** Abstracts must be original and pertain to completed QI projects with results included. These data-driven QI projects must be related to neonatal care or neonatal nursing. This category includes projects that are designed to improve patient care, nursing care or nursing education structures, processes, or outcomes.

**EVIDENCE BASED PROJECTS:** Abstracts must be original and pertain to completed evidence-based projects with results included. These evidence-based projects must be related to neonatal practice, education or administration. This category includes projects based on best available evidence that are designed to improve patient care, nursing care, or nursing education structures, processes, or outcomes.

**CASE STUDY PRESENTATIONS:** Analysis of actual complex patient care cases or practice situations that posed unique nursing challenges. Case reports must not contain identifying information or in any way violate PHA regulations. The case under discussion cannot be under current litigation. **Presenters must confirm in written submission that they have compiled with these requirements.** Case study presentation abstracts can be presented as a narrative summary. However, here are some tips of what to include:

**Background: *TIP:*** *Why do you think this case is important – why did you write it up?*

*• Is this a prevalent health problem?*

*• Is there a clear message?*

**Case presentation: *TIP:*** *Give an account of the presenting features, including the medical/social/ family history.*

*• This is the patient’s story – please be sensitive to patient confidentiality*

*• How did they present?*

*• What is the relevant history?*

**Differential diagnosis & investigations (if relevant)**

**Treatment/s**

**Unique nursing challenges**

**Outcome and Follow-up**

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Quantitative Research

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**Background:**

**Methods**:

**Results**:

**Conclusion**:

Qualitative Research

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**Introduction:**

**Methods**:

**Findings**:

**Conclusion**:

Quality Improvement / Evidence Based Practice Projects

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**Problem:**

**Methods**:

**Results**:

**Implications for practice**:

Case Study/Reports

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**Background:**

**Case presentation**:

**Diagnosis/Investigations**:

**Unique nursing challenges**:

**Outcome & Follow-up:**

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