

Stories That Stay with You: Experience the 2026 Clinical Excellence Conference

Some conferences leave you with pages of notes. Others leave you with something much more lasting.

That's what happened at last year's FNA Clinical Excellence Conference. Through powerful stories shared by nurses from across Florida, attendees were reminded why they entered the profession, reflected on their own experiences, and left feeling inspired to bring renewed purpose back to their patients and colleagues. This wasn't simply a day of continuing education—it was an experience that stayed with people long after it ended.

One attendee shared, *"This filled my nurse cup in ways I didn't even realize I needed!"*

Another simply wrote, *"I left feeling renewed."*

The storytelling format created an

atmosphere unlike a traditional conference. Rather than simply listening to presentations, attendees found themselves connecting with the experiences being shared, reflecting on their own practice, and leaving with a renewed sense of purpose.

That same spirit returns this fall.

On **October 2 in Orlando**, the **2026 FNA Clinical Excellence Conference** will once again bring together nurses from across Florida to share real-life experiences that demonstrate the depth of clinical expertise, the power of clinical judgment, and the unwavering compassion that defines the nursing profession.

This year's conference will feature compelling stories from nurses representing a wide range of specialties and practice settings. Through their experiences, attend-

ees will explore how science, innovation, competence, and caring come together to improve patient outcomes every day. These stories go beyond clinical cases—they reveal the moments that challenge us, inspire us, and ultimately shape who we are as nurses.

Whether you're a bedside nurse, educator, advanced practice nurse, leader, researcher, or student, you'll leave with practical insights, renewed inspiration, and a deeper appreciation for the extraordinary impact nurses make every day.

Join us on **October 2** as we celebrate the voices of nursing and discover how storytelling can fuel innovation, strengthen practice, and reconnect us with the heart of our profession. ■

The Organized Nurse: Practical Strategies to Improve Time Management and Clinical Efficiency

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Time management remains one of the most challenging skills for both new and experienced nurses. In fast-paced clinical environments, competing priorities, frequent interruptions, and high patient acuity can quickly lead to disorganization and missed care opportunities. However, with intentional strategies, nurses can improve efficiency, reduce stress, and ultimately enhance patient safety (Leis & Anderson, 2020; Nayak, 2018).

One of the most underutilized tools in modern nursing practice is the electronic health record (EHR). When used strategi-

cally, features such as watchlists, alerts, and personalized dashboards can significantly streamline workflow. Customizing patient lists to display critical labs, medication times, and new provider orders allows nurses to identify priorities in real time rather than reacting after delays occur. Additionally, the use of common pre-built phrases—when appropriately individualized—can reduce charting time while maintaining accuracy (American Nurses Association Enterprise [ANA], 2023).

Equally important is beginning each shift with a structured plan. Spending

even 5–10 minutes reviewing patient assignments, identifying the highest acuity patient, and noting time-sensitive tasks can prevent hours of inefficiency later. Prioritization should follow a clear framework: unstable patients first, time-sensitive interventions next, and routine care last. Task clustering, completing multiple activities in a single patient interaction, further reduces unnecessary interruptions and improves overall workflow (Pagana, 1994; Zhang et al., 2020).

Timeliness also plays a critical role in successful time management. Arriving

