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Improving ophthalmic nurse engagement through global collaboration. A nurse initiated project.

1. Nurse engagement
2. Nurses - the untapped resource
3. What you can do to engage nurses
4. Nurses working as part of the wider eye care team
5. Solutions f or future engagement

Summary

I am submitting this application on behalf of the Global Ophthalmic Nurse Development Project Group. I divert the presentation on the day to our local EU Representatives: Helen Gibbons (Moorfields, UK) and/or Lynne Hadley (International Ophthalmic Nurses Association and NHS Kent, UK)

Presentation: The WHO have announced that 2020 is the year of the nurse and midwife, highlighting the increasing shortfall between service needs, nursing numbers and nurse engagement. In turn, the global ophthalmic nursing community are addressing their position and engagement in eye care, by examining how, through their own global connectivity, they can support their colleagues and the wider eye care team, and the blindness prevention targets of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness and other eye care and global nursing bodies.
This presentation will outline the current status of the global ophthalmic nursing community, what is needed, what is currently happening in the ophthalmic nursing space to address the issues, and identify how nurses can better engage with their colleagues, or be engaged by health care organisations.

Conflicts of interest: Nil.