

**Title:**

PLENARY SESSION 3: Advancing Nursing and Midwifery Through Innovation and Leadership

**Keywords:**

innovation, leadership and nursing

**Summary:**

This presentation will provide principles, strategies, and practical applications focused on how each of us can demonstrate innovation and strengthen leadership to create solutions rather than barriers.

**Abstract Text:**

Advancing nursing and midwifery through innovation and leadership is critical to moving our profession forward, as well as increasing our ability to better address global health. This presentation will provide principles, strategies, and practical applications focused on how each of us can demonstrate innovation and strengthen leadership to create solutions rather than barriers. The relationship between innovation, leadership, and change will also be examined. Examples are incorporated related to how innovated advances in technology have changed our lives and our health and what the future holds. Emphasis will be placed on the power of vision, purpose, and passion.

**References:**

None.

**Content Outline:**

1. Apply principles and strategies to advance the profession and improve global health.
2. Discuss proactive behaviors most effective in creating solutions to emerging global health care challenges.
3. Describe their personal vision, purpose, and passion to be an innovative leader.

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