

**Title:**

SPECIAL SESSION: Improving the Quality of Care for Persons With Disabilities

**Keywords:**

health care of persons with disability, nursing's role in caring for persons with disability and preparing nursing students to care for persons with disabilities

**Description/Overview:**

A program of research on health issues and concerns of persons with disabilities, the status of health care for this population, and nursing's role in care of this vulnerable population will be presented and discussed.

**References:**

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**Author Summary:** The presenter has 30 years of experience as researcher and nurse educator teaching undergraduate, master's and doctoral levels. The presenter has been examining health issues of women with disabilities, including pregnancy-related issues, since 1986.

**Any relevant financial relationships?** No

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