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Forensic Nurses from Around the Globe Gather in Toronto for International Conference

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The 25th Annual International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice brings together 800 forensic nurses to discuss key issues related to the health and recovery of patients who have experienced violence and trauma.

In 1992, 72 registered nurses came together to form the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN). This founding group envisioned an organization that would encompass the depth and breadth of those who practice nursing where the healthcare and the legal systems intersect. IAFN hosts the 25th annual International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice, in Toronto, Canada, October 11-14, 2017 in order to put state-of-the-art science into action and create best practices for forensic nursing around the world and across the lifespan. On this special anniversary year, we continue our tradition of bringing inspired people together to ensure that IAFN remains on the cutting edge. Our keynote presentations include Jeffrey Bucholtz, Caitlin Pakosh, Janice Du Mont, and Dirk Huyer.

IAFN President. Liz Loudon states, "Until we live in a world without violence, forensic nurses will seek to strengthen the role of the health system in addressing violence and continue to provide expert and compassionate care to patients who require these specialized services." As an international association which serves as a global network to exchange ideas, IAFN is honored to support our affiliate, the Canadian Forensic Nurses Association in honoring Sheila Early, with the Inaugural Canadian Forensic Nurses Association Visionary Award. Additionally, we celebrate the 2017 IAFN award winners: Virginia A. Lynch Pioneer in Forensic Nursing, Jana French; Distinguished Fellow Award, Annie Lewis-O'Connor; Front Line Forensic Nurse of the Year, Christy Alexander; Ann Burgess Forensic Nursing Research Award, Jocelyn Anderson; Patron Award, Paula Broome; and Service Award, Gina Carbino.

The International Association of Forensic Nurses is a professional organization of nurses who provide specialized healthcare for patients impacted by violence and trauma. We establish and provide standards of practice and education for forensic nurses. Our members have the

knowledge and expertise to decrease the healthcare consequences of violence, improve patient recovery and lower healthcare costs. CFNA President, Kelly Branchi states “The work forensic nurses do is highly skilled and compassionate. Our work is not always easily described in words, but can be seen on the faces of those we have cared for and worked with.”

To learn more about forensic nursing please visit the IAFN website at www.forensicnurses.org and follow us on Twitter [@forensicnurses](https://twitter.com/forensicnurses) and [Facebook.com/ForensicNurses](https://www.facebook.com/ForensicNurses).

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