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Position statement on Culturally Sensitive Critical Care Nursing

During the April 2016 joint conference held in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, the seven members of the WFCCN chaired by Adriano Friganović met to establish a position statement to acknowledge and respond to the cultural needs of vulnerable people in the context of a dynamic world paradigm.

Five central principles were:

1. Critically ill individuals and their families, from culturally diverse backgrounds, have the right to receive culturally sensitive care.
2. Critical care nurses must possess appropriate knowledge, skills and attributes to respect, advocate for, and effectively respond to the cultural needs of critically ill individuals and their families.
3. Critical care nursing education providers should ensure cultural sensitivity is embedded within curricula framework. The critical care nurse has a duty to seek out such information, educate themselves and apply this knowledge with respect and compassion.
4. The critical care nurse should ensure culturally sensitive care is planned and implemented in collaboration with the multidisciplinary team, which is inclusive of the person, families and their chosen cultural advisor(s).
5. Critical care nurses and other members of the multidisciplinary team have a right to have their individual cultural difference acknowledged and respected.