

**Emergency Nurses Association  
The Institute for Emergency Nursing Research  
Poster Awards Program**

**Purpose:** The Poster Awards Program sponsored by the Institute of Emergency Nursing Research (IENR) of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) has been established to encourage research and knowledge dissemination about emergency nursing and emergency care. The awards program will be offered at both the ENA Annual Conference and ENA Leadership Conference. Two awards will be given out at each conference: Research and Evidence-based Practice.

**Eligibility:** The Poster Awards competition is open to all authors of presented posters (both ENA members and non-members). Individuals selected for oral presentations are also encouraged to submit a poster for the competition. In addition, to be eligible for an award, the poster must be set up at the time scheduled in the Poster Guidelines - NO exceptions. Posters presented by ENA staff or ENA Committees/ Work Teams are not eligible for the awards.

**Evaluation Process:** During the first two hours prior to the beginning of poster sessions on the first day, a panel of judges will visit and examine each poster based on the established criteria. Each poster will be evaluated by a minimum of judges. The judges will be recruited from the IENR Advisory Council, the Academy of Emergency Nursing, and the Researcher/Scientist Network. The judges will individually score assigned posters based on the evaluation criteria. The total scores for each poster will be combined and averaged, and the winning poster will be the one with the highest average score.

**Criteria for Evaluating Posters:** Judges will evaluate posters based on the following criteria:

- Clarity and conciseness of the problem statement
- Clarity and appropriateness of methods
- Appropriateness of data analysis, if applicable
- Conclusions aligned with the data and/or observations.
- Implications for emergency nursing practice discussed
- Demonstration of contribution to the emergency nursing knowledge base
- Clear organization of the poster
- Content of the poster is well written and concise
- Visually appealing

**Awards:** Two awards will be presented at each conference; one for research and one for evidence-based practice. Each award winner will receive:

1. An award certificate
2. A monetary award in the amount of \$300
3. Their poster displayed as a “Poster Award Winner” for the duration of the conference.
4. Their name(s) will be published in the conference publications and announced during the conference.
5. Publication of their name as an award winner in *Connection*