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Dear Colleagues,

**EuSEN e-newsletter, number 4 , 2024**

## Happy Emergency Nurse's Day!

On the second Wednesday in October, we recognize and thank all Emergency nurses around the world for their hard work, dedication, service, and commitment.

**Your efforts make a huge difference!**

We are excited to share the agenda for the upcoming Nursing Track, which will be a significant part of the EUSEM conference in Copenhagen from October 13th to 16th.

We are also pleased to announce an upcoming EuSEN webinar, during which the next EuSEN **General Assembly** will be held.

**AND - Remember to mark your calendars** for the second stand-alone EuSEN congress in **June 2025** in Hasselt (Belgium)! We are looking forward to meeting everyone there.

*Door Lauwaert, on behalf of the EuSEN board*

**October 9**



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## Wishes

# Happy Emergency Nurses Day





# EUSEM

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## EUSEM 2024

EUROPEAN EMERGENCY MEDICINE CONGRESS

Copenhagen, Denmark

12-13 October Pre-courses

13-16 October Congress



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### PROGRAM NURSING TRACK EUSEM CONGRESS

full scientific program: [https://eusemcongress.org/our\\_scientific-programme/](https://eusemcongress.org/our_scientific-programme/)

Monday, October 14th, 14:45 - 16:15, Auditorium 10

Session code: F24

Session title: Emergency Nursing Research 1

Type of Session: Nurses session

Track: Nurses Track

Moderator

Thordis K. Thorsteinsdottir, Iceland

Christien VAN DER LINDEN, The Netherlands

14:45 - 15:05

*Systematic uptake and sustainable improvement of a "senior-friendly" emergency department – the FRED study*

Speaker: Alisa Cantarero Fernandez, Germany

15:05 - 15:25

*Experience with geriatric emergency department accreditation by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)*

Speaker: Thomas Dreher-Hummel, Switzerland

15:25 - 15:45

*GEM-nurse in landspítali - a 5 years experience with specialized nursing services for community-dwelling frail older people in the ED*

Speaker: Ingibjörg Sigursórsdóttir, Iceland

15:45 - 16:05

*Challenges in prehospital care in an ageing population - assessment and disposition of the fragile elderly patient*

Speaker: Helena Johansson, Sweden

Monday, October 14th, 16:45 - 18:15, Auditorium 10

Session code: F25

Session title: Emergency Nursing Research 2

Type of Session: Nurses session

Track: Nurses Track

Moderator

Jochen Berghs, Belgium

Thordis K. Thorsteinsdottir, Iceland

16:45 - 17:00

*Bedside Shift Handover and Shared Decision-Making in the Emergency Department - the BED study*

Speaker: Rianne de Caluwe, The Netherlands

17:00 - 17:15

*The Emergency Department Learning Unit (working title)*

Speaker: Boyan Kulper, The Netherlands

17:15 - 17:30

*Effect of Process Changes on Emergency Department Crowding in a Changing World*

Speaker: Christien VAN DER LINDEN, The Netherlands

17:30 - 17:45

*The need for designing new patient pathways for patients who self-harm: how to diminish the cracks in health care systems?*

Speaker: Christina Østervang, Denmark

17:45 - 18:00

*Foreign tourists at the ED -a challenge for the emergency nurse*

Speaker: Gudbjörg Pálsdóttir, Iceland



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**Tuesday, October 15th, 09:00 - 10:30, Auditorium 10**

**Session code:** F31

**Session title:** Papers that changed my practice

**Type of Session:** Nurses session

**Track:** Nurses Track

Moderator

Thordis K. Thorsteinsdottir, Iceland

Jochen Berghs, Belgium

09:00 - 09:12

***Blood sampling guidelines - blood sampling guideline working group***

**Speaker:** Christien VAN DER LINDEN, The Netherlands

09:12 - 09:25

***Virtual Reality at the emergency department - a systematic review***

**Speaker:** Rianne de Caluwe, The Netherlands

09:25 - 09:31

***Elderly dementia patients receiving anticoagulation treatment with need for concussion observation - How to follow guidelines?***

**Speaker:** Line Solvgren, Denmark

09:31 - 09:37

***Elderly dementia patients receiving anticoagulation treatment with need for concussion observation - how to follow guidelines?***

**Speaker:** Camilla Vielsted, Denmark

09:37 - 09:50

***Patient and public involvement in emergency care research - what have we learned so far?***

**Speaker:** Christina Østervang, Denmark

09:50 - 10:02

***Chest pain assessment, triage and treatment in the emergency department Landspítali.***

**Speaker:** Thordis Edda Hjartardottir, Iceland

10:02 - 10:15

***Challenges in Identifying Sepsis in the pre-hospital environment***

**Speaker:** Yousef Tamimi, Sweden

**Tuesday, October 15th, 11:00 - 12:30, Auditorium 10**

**Session code:** F32

**Session title:** Systems thinking in the emergency department: a workshop on emergency department operations

**Type of Session:** Nurses session

**Track:** Nurses Track

11:00 - 11:45

***Speaker***

**Speaker:** Alexandra Cloostermans, Belgium

11:45 - 12:30

***Speaker***

**Speaker:** Jochen Berghs, Belgium

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# Save the date

- The next **free EuSEN Webinar** will be on **November 20th, 2024**, starting at **17:00 CET**. **Mark it already in your agenda.**

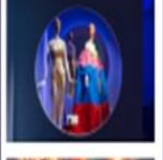
The program will be available soon!

- **EuSEN General Assembly on November 20th, 2024**, starting at **17:30 CET** (during the webinar)
  - Program:
    - Activity report of the society
    - Financial report of the society
    - Future events – meetings
    - Presentation of the new board members
    - Q & A



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# SAVE DATE

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**5-6 JUNE 2025**

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## REPORT: EMERGENCY NURSING 2024 IN LAS VEGAS

This year's Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) conference, held from September 4 to 7, was a truly memorable event. Over 4,000 attendees gathered in Las Vegas, including more than 100 international participants from 14 countries, with representation from four European nations.

The conference offered a wealth of learning opportunities. With over 140 education sessions, roundtable discussions, and panel debates, choosing what to attend was a challenge. Topics ranged from "Helping Kids through Disasters" to "Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare: Friend or Foe," "Overcoming the Imposter Phenomenon," "Innovations in Nursing Handoff," and "So, You Think You Can Triage? Understanding High-Risk Presentations," among many others.

Emergency department crowding was a universal theme, and sessions addressed hospital throughput efficiency, nurse retention strategies, fostering a culture shift from thinking of 'ED' patients to 'our' patients, and creating healthy work environments to boost patient flow. We also participated in several networking events, including the Global Meet and Greet and the Global Nursing Luncheon and Innovation Session, where we exchanged ideas and built connections with peers from around the world.

In addition to presenting our poster, we explored the Experience Hall, engaging with exhibitors showcasing cutting-edge products. And, of course, we couldn't miss the Shimmer and Shine welcome party hosted by ENA – plus a lively drag show. After all, what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!

Next year's ENA annual conference will be held in New Orleans from September 17-20. We, the Dutch group, highly recommend attending! If you register before December 31, you can lock in the lowest guaranteed rate. Plus, starting in mid-November, you can submit abstracts and proposals for Emergency Nursing 2025.



*Emergency Nurse Manager Frans de Voeght, MA CEN RN, Emergency Nurse Practitioner Barbara Meester, MsANP CEN RN, and Clinical Research Coordinator Christien van der Linden, PhD MsCE MsANP CEN RN, represented the Emergency*

*Department of Haaglanden Medical Center in The Hague, the Netherlands*



*Christien van der Linden presenting an e-Poster "The impact of prehospital blood sampling on the emergency department process of patients with chest pain".*



*Barbara and Frans are testing in the Exhibition Hall whether a new device can cut off a ring more easily*

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## Improving emergency department flow by introducing four interventions simultaneously. A quality improvement project

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Our latest article has been published in *International Emergency Nursing*, presenting the results of the Powerweek at an emergency department (ED) in a trauma center in the Netherlands. The project focused on improving ED flow by implementing four interventions simultaneously. The quality improvement initiative, driven by a dedicated team of ED staff, has yielded positive patient outcomes. Notably, the introduction of an additional triage station during peak hours significantly reduced triage wait times.

**Background:** Emergency department (ED) crowding is a widespread issue with adverse effects on patient care and outcomes.

**Local problem:** ED crowding exacerbates wait times and compromises patient care, prompting opportunities for internal process improvement.

**Method:** Over one week, the ED flow project team implemented four interventions, including an additional triage station, to optimize patient flow. We compared triage times, length of stay, crowding levels, and patient experiences with two control periods.

**Results:** During peak hours, waiting times to triage decreased significantly with a median of 20 minutes (IQR 15-30) in the project week and 26 minutes (IQR 18-37) in the control weeks. Self-referrals decreased, while general practitioner referrals remained unchanged. Individual patient length of stay was unaffected, but crowding reduced notably during the project week. We found no difference in patient experiences between the periods.

**Conclusion:** The interventions contributed to reduced crowding and improved patient flow. The dedication of the ED flow project team and the ED nurses was crucial to these outcomes. An additional triage station during peak hours in the ED was established as a structural change.

The full text is available for open access at:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1755599X24000946>

*International Emergency Nursing*, Volume 76, September 2024, 101499.

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The Society's purpose is:

- \*to promote science and art of nursing in emergency care
- \*to promote contacts, exchange and cooperation between European emergency nursing associations
- \*to represent emergency nurses within and outside of Europe
- \*to draft and promote standards for training, implementation of the profession and management in the field of emergency nursing
- \*to harmonize the training of emergency nursing across Europe
- \*to promote cooperation with all healthcare professionals, institutions and organizations with a professional interest in emergency care
- \*to promote basic knowledge about emergencies throughout the population.

EuSEN is a NON-Profit association. To be a member with EuSEN you need to be a member of a local or national emergency nurse association. The association needs to have local standards and official statutes.

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**Application form EuSEN**

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*Country*.....

*URL Website*.....

*Number of members*.....

*Does the association follow official statutes*      Yes      No

*The associations main purpose in emergency care*

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*Name of the President*.....

*Contact address, E-Mail and phone number*

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