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## Patient safety as a focus for Nursing curricula


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Ongoing education in patient safety and risk is crucial within nursing curricula as improving patient safety is a global concern. Yet few formal education programs exist for students to study health care management with a focus on safety, quality and risk. This presentation asserts that nursing curricula should make patient safety highly visible as its core emphasis. Discussion will concern leadership, management, critical reflection, bioethics, research and more. This presentation highlights the tensions between a 'no blame' culture concerning the human factors within healthcare, and the need for the underpinning of patient safety at the forefront of nursing education due to the complex contexts and dynamism of contemporary health care.

### Speaker Biography

Vicki Cope, RN, RM, BA, GDip(Ed), GDip (Nsg), MHSc (Nsg), PhD, FRCNA, FACN, has over 30 years' experience in healthcare with qualifications in education, nursing and midwifery as an Associate Professor. Research has focused on resilience and publications have concerned professional health leadership, patient safety, nursing management and professionalism. Currently leading post-graduate nursing programs within the School of Health Professions at Murdoch University, in Western Australia and at the Murdoch University Dubai campus. Associate Professor Cope actively encourages and supports students with their research journey inclusive of mentoring students with report writing and writing for publication.

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