



17th Annual Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Nursing Research Conference

Nursing Science in Action: The Power of Nurses Innovating for the Future

Day 1

Thursday, October 29, 2026

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Virtual Opening Session & Poster Presentations

Welcome & Networking Reception

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

The Brent House Atrium
1514 Jefferson Highway
Jefferson, LA 70121

Day 2

In Person Conference

Friday, October 30, 2026

8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

The Gayle and Tom Benson
Cancer Center
1515 River Road
Jefferson, LA 70121

6th Floor Conference Center

Event Overview

The annual nursing conference, hosted by Ochsner's System Nursing Professional Development team, provides a dynamic forum for nurses and interdisciplinary colleagues to share best practices, learn from peers and researchers, and connect with others committed to advancing healthcare. The target audience for the conference is nurses, interprofessional colleagues, and healthcare professionals, including Ochsner and non-Ochsner employees.

• CALL FOR ABSTRACTS •

We invite submissions of research and evidence-based practice projects related to nursing practice. Interdisciplinary projects welcome. Click the link below or scan the QR code to access the abstract submission form. Create a free account and view author guidelines included in the [abstract submission form](#). **Deadline August 7, 2026**



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Dr. Maxim Topaz, PhD, RN, MA, FAAN, FIAHSI, FACMI

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Maxim Topaz, PhD, RN, MA, FAAN, FIAHSI, FACMI is a tenured Associate Professor at Columbia University School of Nursing, a Senior Research Scientist at VNS Health, and Health AI researcher. His career began as a combat medic and registered nurse, which shaped his commitment to improving patient care through technology. A Fulbright Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania and among the first nurse scientists to complete a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Topaz bridges the gap between clinical practice and cutting-edge AI. His research focuses on developing AI-based tools for patient prioritization and risk prediction, with particular emphasis on home healthcare and unbiased AI. He is an international keynote speaker, past president of MEDINFO, co-chair of an NIH AI review section, and is recognized among Stanford's top 2% of scientists in Health Informatics. **Highlights:** 220+ publications · \$25M+ in research funding · 30+ grants · Top 2% Stanford Scientists

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