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Dear Minister Arłukowicz,

International Classification for Nursing Practice

The International Council of Nurses (ICN) is an organisation of over 130 national nurses associations, representing millions of nurses worldwide. Its mission is to advance nursing and health worldwide.

ICN is the proponent for the International Classification for Nursing Practice (ICNP), a terminology that is used to document nursing practice in healthcare settings. ICNP is subject to constant development and a new release is produced every two years. Nurses in Poland have been working for several years to prepare for the implementation of the ICNP for nursing documentation in the electronic health records of the healthcare system in Poland. This preparation has included the work of translating ICNP and related documents into the Polish language as well as conducting a range of educational events at the local, regional and national level.

ICN is pleased to be able to participate in the important Health Informatics Conference planned for 2-3 July 2012 in Warsaw. On the second day of this conference, nurses will make presentations about the ICN's eHealth Programme which includes ICNP highlighting how this important development has been implemented in Poland and in Portugal. Accordingly, ICN would be delighted in collaborating with the Ministry of Health on developing a Press Release that recognises Poland's commitment to ICNP and the important role that nursing terminology can play in both in the development of electronic health record documentation as well as in data capture for research and policy purposes.

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We believe that this event provides an ideal opportunity to illustrate the important role that Polish nurses are playing in its development. We would therefore request you agree, on behalf of the Polish Ministry of Health, to develop with us and the Polish Nurses Association the appropriate text. The statement would be released during the conference. Our contact at the nursing association for developing the text is the current ICNP project coordinator and former Polish Nursing Association President Dorota Kilańska (dkilańska@gmail.com) Mrs Kilańska has been nominated by the authority to develop and agree the text on behalf of PNA. My representative from ICN will be Claudia Bartz (cbartz@uwm.edu).

I hope you agree to this request and look forward to jointly promoting the excellent work of Polish nurses via our global networks.

Yours sincerely,



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