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### 1628d THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS: THE FUTURE ROLE OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSING

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**Introduction** Health care delivery is under pressure throughout the world and as such is experiencing many challenges related to demands to deliver affordable, accessible and appropriate health care to the world's population. Occupational health nurses (OHN) have an important role to play in the delivery of universal health coverage. It is important for OHNs to be flexible and dynamic enough to embrace the evolution of health care delivery and be part of it otherwise it runs the risk of becoming redundant.

**Methods** A review of the literature was conducted following a search of bibliographic databases including Cinhal Plus, Medline, Academic search complete, ERIC and MasterFILE Premier. Only English language literature published between 2007 and 2017 was searched, using search terms such as, but not limited to, future of nursing, role of occupational health nursing, future role of OHN, global health, sustainable development goals, universal health coverage and occupational health nursing education.

**Results** The future of OHN is dependent on the health system of the country in which the OH services are being delivered but it should be embedded in a model of universal health coverage and part of the overall health delivery system. OHNs will need to ensure that it is part of the current and emerging trends in global health in order to remain relevant and effective.

**Conclusion** OHNs will be the interface between the health system and working populations in improving health and quality of life. OHNs are important in delivering health services to a hard to reach population of adult workers who do not have time to attend to their health needs and particularly preventative health strategies such as immunisation. OHNs will be pivotal in the early detection of emerging diseases related to globalisation and climate change, which need inter-professional collaboration and teamwork across multiple sectors for joint action.

### 90 SUPPORTING PREPAREDNESS FOR WORK LIFE AMONG THE UNEMPLOYED – FOCUS ON HEALTH CARE AND NETWORK COMMUNITIES

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**Introduction** This study is part of the *Occupational Health Counselling* project carried out in Kuopio in 2008–2010, the participants of which were 16–24 year-old young people who were not covered by OHS, and 25–54 year-old people participating in labour force training. The aim of the study was to evaluate the implementation of the customer process in health care for the unemployed and authorities' collaboration networks.

**Methods** The study comprised four sub-studies. The first and second sub-study consisted of interviewing authorities' personnel in Kuopio and in the control municipalities. A network questionnaire was sent out at the same time. The third sub-study examined the lifestyle and health issues of the unemployed young people according to length of unemployment. In the fourth sub-study, we interviewed the young participants of the project and performed a customer feedback survey.

**Result** Tensions and differing opinions exist within health care services regarding the special needs of this group. The co-operation between health services and labour administration is not sufficiently solid to support the work ability of the unemployed. The research indicated that young men were at a higher risk of prolonged unemployment than women. The study also showed possible associations between prolonged unemployment and both drug use and a low or moderate score on the Work ability index.

**Discussion** Co-operation within health care services needs to be improved, and roles made clearer. Some of the operating concepts of OHS offer a good model as regards the needs of this customer group. OHS resources should especially focus on unemployed people who report feeling that their health or work ability has diminished. Young people in particular feel that they benefit from health promotion and health appointments with a professional.

### 979 THE FEDERATION OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSES WITHIN THE EU (FOHNEU) CELEBRATES THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

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**Introduction** Professional organisations and associations of occupational nursing can play a key role in the development of the speciality. The Federation of Occupational Health Nurses within the European Union (FOHNEU) was established on March 21 st 1993 in Windsor, United Kingdom. The Federation was founded by seven countries: Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. The aim was to represent the voice of Occupational Health Nursing within the EU in order to promote the Health, Safety and Well-Being of the European Workforce. FOHNEU is open to all OH nursing organisations in the EU. In 2002 the FOHNEU Executive Board decided to establish a Twinning Project. The objective was to approach fellow Occupational Health Nurses in the Accession Countries.

**Methods** In 2017, a cross-sectional survey was conducted asking country representatives of FOHNEU to complete a questionnaire exploring the characteristics and activities of their associations in FOHNEU. The archives and memories of the Federation were also explored.

**Results** The network and good collaboration with partner organisations is key to a continuous development and successful achievement of goals. It can be stated that FOHNEU has played a vital role in the development of occupational health nursing education over the past 25 years. The 1 st edition of the FOHNEU Core Curriculum was launched in 1996, followed by revised editions in 2002 and 2014. FOHNEU also contributed to the WHO document on 'The Role of the Occupational Health Nurse in Workplace Health Management' in 2001. The 1 st FOHNEU International Congress took place