The Journal of Addictions Nursing invites submissions of papers for a special topic issue on Nursing Roles in Care of Patients with Substance Use Disorders (SUDS).

The following questions serve as suggestions for potential topics:

- What roles are nurses assuming in the delivery of comprehensive care/integrated care to persons with SUDS?
- What are the opportunities for advanced practice and addiction specialist nurses in ‘health homes’?
- ACA targets increased access to care for persons with SUDS and mental health problems; how do we increase access to nursing services?
- Many addiction treatment facilities and methadone maintenance clinics employ only LVNs. What are the implications of the IOM report for differentiating among roles, implementing full scope of practice based on education?
- What do we know about extent and content of education on SUDS including addictions and addictions treatment in associate degree, baccalaureate and advanced practice nursing programs?
- What are some challenges and opportunities for nurses treating patients in mental health?
- Balancing the need for general care providers to screen for/treat persons SUDS, what are the roles of nurses with addictions certification and specialty practice experience in treating SUDS/Addiction?
- Role of addictions nurse specialist in the education and development of non-specialist nurses. Is there a future for the specialty? Maybe specialty needs to be in psych/MH or certification for any nurse – how do we answer?
- What are competencies for non-addiction nurses that are essential for these disorders?
- Addictions nursing certification (ANCC is working to offer addictions certification)–how can we broaden this – stakeholders in CD/addictions treatment have kept it separate from mental health –implications for this? National trends?
- National trends in licensing CNS meaning for addiction specialty care? Advanced nursing education?
- How do we set parameters for evidence based interventions?

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