



## World Council of Enterostomal Therapists® joins ICN family as an ICN Specialist Affiliate

**Geneva, Switzerland; 10 November 2022** — The International Council of Nurses (ICN) has welcomed the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists® ([WCET®](#)) as its ninth Specialist Affiliate.

WCET® represents health professionals — the majority of whom are nurses — from over 65 countries. The organisation is recognised as a global leader in the specialty of ostomy, wound and continence care. Their mission is to facilitate education globally to promote specialised nursing care for all people with ostomy, wound and/or continence needs.

ICN President, Dr Pamela Cipriano, said:

“We are delighted to welcome WCET® as an ICN specialist affiliate. This collaboration will benefit both organisations and help to empower even more nurses across the world. The specialised care that nurses provide to people with ostomy, wound and continence needs is critical. ICN, as the global voice of nursing, will help to ensure their voice is heard at decision-making tables across the world.”

Laurent Chabal, WCET® President, said:

“It is an honour for WCET® to join the ICN family. We look forward to working closely with ICN to further enhance and promote the work of Enterostomal Therapy/Wound Ostomy Continence nurses across the world for patient and caregiver benefits.”

ICN grants affiliate status to international specialist nursing organisations which have a mission, mandate, constitution and objectives consistent with those of ICN; demonstrate that the majority of members and officials are nurses, and that nurses have the authority to direct and make decisions on all nursing matters; exist as an organisation of individual members or as a federation of national organisations, or a mix of the two; has a working relationship with ICN members or encourage such relationships to strengthen the nursing voice nationally; and have members in at least four of the ICN areas, covering both developed and developing countries.

Other ICN affiliates include:

- Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN)
- International Federation of Nurse Anesthetists (IFNA)
- International Federation of Perioperative Nurses (IFPN)
- International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA)
- International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC)
- NANDA International
- Sigma Theta Tau International (Sigma)
- World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN)

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