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LATINE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2026: SUMMARY AND UPDATES

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We look forward to seeing you at our next SIG GBM Meeting:
October 6th at 6pm PST.

Who We Are
We are a special interest group- Focusing on Conducting Research with Latine Individuals, Families, and Communities. Members discuss various aspects of Latine health and inequalities that exist and illustrate, through both theory and research, potential ways to improve health for Latinos across the lifespan. Our WIN Special Interest Group members are interdisciplinary scientists conducting research with Latine individuals, families, and communities.

Mission
We are committed to advancing research that promotes the health in Latine communities, families, and individuals. We also lead, promote, and advocate to support research led by Latine nurses and researchers to serve Latinos.

Meeting Frequency
General member meetings will be held monthly:

- **WHEN:** Every first Tuesday of the month at 6 PM via Zoom.
- **WHERE:** Virtually- Click on the QR code to reach the meeting link:

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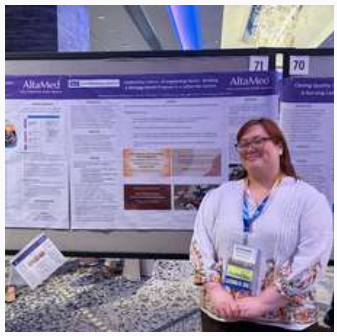
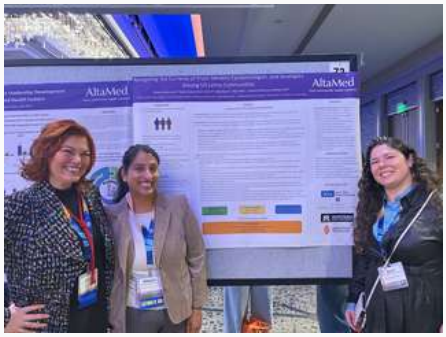
2026 Highlights

WIN 2026 CONFERENCE: SIG meeting

Thank you for joining us last Spring at our annual in-person SIG meeting! The meeting began with a welcoming address from the President of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN), Dr. Veronica Vital. We discussed our SIG name and voted to update our abbreviated name to “Latine SIG” (See page 9). We invited our members to reach out to us if they were interested in leadership positions. We announced our new initiatives, including our new writing group (see page 10). As usual, we networked and had the opportunity to get to know each other better. Gracias SIG familia, for making this a memorable conference!





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NAHN & NCEMA Conferences

Many of our SIG members got the chance to reconnect at the 26th Annual National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) National Conference! We also joined other researchers interested in promoting the health of underserved communities at the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations (NCEMNA) Conference. Our members presented posters and shared their research findings by giving podium presentations. Thank you for continuing to promote research to improve the health of underserved communities!

MEET OUR BOARD! Welcome 2026-2027 WIN Latine SIG Board Members

CHAIR

!Hola! My name is Rosario B. Jaime-Lara, PhD, FNP, RN. It is my pleasure to serve as a WIN Latine SIG Chair. I am a nurse researcher whose research focuses on eating and nutrition in the context of obesity, diabetes, and cardiometabolic health. I am currently an assistant professor at UCLA Joe C. Wen School of Nursing. My research has explored the underlying mechanisms associated with eating, including the neurophysiology and genetic underpinnings of taste and smell. I am particularly interested in studying eating and nutrition as they relate to health in communities disproportionately affected by obesity and diabetes, including Latinos. My current studies examine experiences and perceptions of eating in the context of overweight and obesity among Latinos.

CHAIR

Dr. Adrienne Martinez-Hollingsworth, PhD, RN, PHN, WAN is the Director of Research & Evaluation at AltaMed and Medicine and Health Services Research at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. She is a Board Member at LA NAHN, National NAHN, and a WIN Latine SIG board member since 2014. She is a nationally recognized nurse scientist and conceptual theorist whose work bridges health services research, implementation science, disaster preparedness, and workforce well-being, using art-based and technology-driven solutions. Her research focuses on designing practical, community-centered strategies that strengthen care delivery for underserved populations by integrating evidence, systems thinking, and frontline perspectives to improve health outcomes, organizational resilience, and health equity.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Oi! My name is Samia Valeria Ozorio Dutra. I am a nurse from Brazil who came to the US to do my PhD. Currently, I am an Assistant Professor at the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. As a member of the Latine Special Interest Group, I am committed to supporting the professional development of our members. It is essential to foster a collaborative environment that facilitates the exchange of information, resources, and mentorship. Our goal is to empower individuals at various stages of their careers and across different pathways by providing tailored support and opportunities for growth.

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SECRETARY

Hello! I am Zurisadai (Zuri) Inzunza, MPH, CHES, a Project Coordinator in the Research and Evaluation Department at AltaMed Health Services Corporation. My work focuses on reducing community- and systems-level inequities affecting historically marginalized populations in FQHC settings. As secretary of this Latine SIG for WIN, I hope to help in operational logistics for the organization at the WIN conference, member meetings, and other activities we have in store for this year. I am also active in the American Public Health Association serving on the APHA Latino Caucus Policy Committee.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Kattia Suarez-VargasKattia is a new board member serving to promote member engagement. She earned her B.A. in general Psychology from UC Berkeley. She previously held key roles in two departments at UCSF as a clinical research coordinator: the Institute of Global Health Sciences (IGHS) and the Department of Medicine at ZSFG. Her expertise has been pivotal in evaluating interventions aimed at reducing birth inequities in one study and understanding the impact of healthy eating and nutrition support services on the well-being of individuals with Type 2 Diabetes in another. She is currently working as a Project Policy Analyst in the Institute for Health & Aging at UCSF in different projects with Dr. Jarmin Yeh. Her research has allowed her to refine her skills in English-Spanish cross-cultural research, qualitative data analysis, and recruitment. Her unwavering passion lies in improving access to culturally competent healthcare and health equity for underrepresented communities, including people of color, immigrants, and those from low-income backgrounds. This passion is deeply rooted in her personal journey as a Latina immigrant, a non-native English speaker, and from a low-income family.

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WIN LIASON

Patrick Luna, RN is serving as our SIG's WIN Liason. He is a a nurse educator, author, and national nursing leader committed to developing the next generation of nurses and creating more equitable pathways into the profession. He is a Senior Instructor of Clinical Teaching at the University of Colorado Anschutz College of Nursing on the Anschutz campus, where he teaches and mentors undergraduate nursing students in clinical practice, health assessment, and professional development. His teaching is grounded in patient-centered care, clinical judgment, cultural awareness, and reflective learning, with the goal of preparing students for the complexity and realities of professional nursing practice.Patrick is also a national leader and advocate for the nursing profession. He serves as a Board Director for the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) and is Chair of the NAHN Membership Committee, where he advocates for meaningful membership benefits, student support, and the formation of new NAHN chapters.

COMMMUNICATIONS

Hello! My name is Jessica Rayo. I am a third-year doctoral student in Nursing Science and Health-Care Leadership at the University of California, Davis. I also work as a Research Project Coordinator and Data Analyst at Stanford University School of Medicine. My research interests include digital health access and readiness, health equity, chronic disease prevention, and the use of emerging technologies to improve healthcare for underserved, low-income, and Spanish-speaking communities. As the Board Member of Communications for the WIN Latine SIG, I hope to amplify our members' work and accomplishments, share valuable opportunities and resources, and strengthen connections across our growing community

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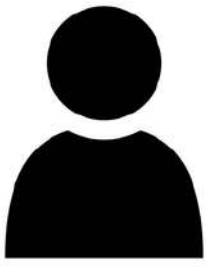

Get Involved Today!

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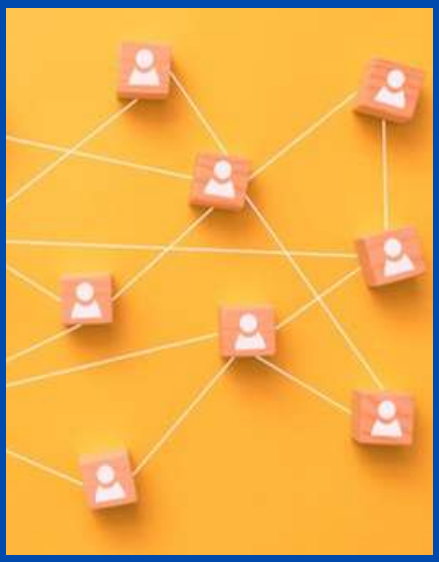
¡SÍ SE PUEDE!

Running the Latino/x WIN Special Interest Group Takes a village! Join our leadership team.

Please email us if you are interested and we'll contact you to discuss opportunities: rosario.jaime.lara@gmail.com
All are welcome to apply.

Connect with us and our members!



Building our Research Familia: Member Roster and Networking List

UPDATE YOUR INFO OR JOIN LIST

We have created an open document for you to get to know and network with other Latino/x SIG members. If you are interested in joining. Please contact Rosario Jaime-Lara at: rosario.jaime.lara@gmail.com

From Data Extraction to Equitable AI Partnership: Protecting Community Value in the Age of AI

BY: ADRIENNE MARTINEZ-HOLLINGSWORTH

Artificial intelligence is rapidly reshaping healthcare, but an important question remains: Who benefits from the data and expertise that make these technologies possible? This question is particularly important for Latino communities, many of whom receive care through community health centers (CHCs) whose longitudinal data are increasingly valuable for AI development.

At the 2026 National Association of Community Health Centers Community Health Institute & Expo in Las Vegas, Adrienne Martinez-Hollingsworth, PhD, RN, PHN, WAN, and Jeff Mihailoff, MA/MBA, co-presented an interactive Challenge Lab exploring how CHCs can engage technology developers without reproducing extractive relationships.

Participants applied the Equitable AI Partnership Model to a fictional technology company requesting five years of CHC data. Rather than simply asking whether the technology was useful, participants were challenged to "diagnose the deal" by examining data rights, ownership, governance, community voice, workforce implications, transparency, return of value, and exit rights, and then redesign the partnership.

For Latino communities, these questions have particular significance. Data generated through their care should not simply leave community settings to create technologies, intellectual property, or commercial value elsewhere. Equitable partnerships can help ensure that communities contributing data also have a voice in how technologies are designed, governed, and evaluated—and that meaningful benefits return to the patients and communities that made innovation possible.

For nurses, the principle is simple: AI should be built with communities, not merely from their data.

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Latino, Latinx, Latine, Hispanic: What's in the name? Part 2

SERIES BY: PAULETTE GREENHOUSE BUENROSTRO

When I was a kid, mi mami would get mad at me if I let others call me by a nickname. "Te puse tu nombre a proposito." She reassured me she named me with reason and dismissed when others tried to call me by anything else. My relationship with my name and identity has been complicated, as a mixed-race white-passing individual with a name that was not reflective of my ethnic identity. Turns out my mom's reason was simply that she liked it, which at the time felt like not a good enough reason as my name became a factor in my struggle with identity and exploration of my authentic self.

I recall the first time I read "My Name" from Sandra Cisnero's *The House on Mango Street*, in which the main character Esperanza dissects her name and its relationship to her Mexican-American identity. Cisneros concludes the vignette with, "I would like to baptize myself under a new name, a name more like the real me, the one nobody sees." While I'm much more at peace with both my identity and my name, I celebrate the opportunity to acknowledge when and why that is a decision that some come to. This can be further explored through the complicated conversation about the language around identity, This was another personal struggle. Chicana, Chixana, Mexican-American, Hispanic, Latina, Latine...Latinx... what is the right verbiage? For me, all of these and none of these have felt relevant at different times.

The conversation of identity language stems from the need to classify individuals, especially within the United States with such vast multicultural populations. In nursing and health, we understand this as necessary in order to conduct better research. While different opinions have been formed regarding which is preferred, Latinx and Latine were developed as inclusive terms. There are various arguments for why each is used, but it is important to resolve the language so that all feel welcomed and acknowledged. Fast forward to today, our SIG is reflecting on what name best represents our group and we want to ensure that the name used authentically represents what we want to reflect as a collective.

We voted in April- Vote results: "LATINE"

La·tin·o [lə-ˈtē-(ˌ)nō]: Refers to people of Latin American countries or heritage (including Portuguese-speaking Brazil, but excluding Spain).

La·tinx [lah-TEE-neks]: Refers to people of Latin American countries or heritage- used as a gender neutral alternative to Latina or Latino. *While terms like Latinx were introduced to be gender inclusive, some argue that the "x" suffix can be difficult to pronounce in Spanish and was initially imposed on indigenous languages during colonization.*

La.tin.e [lah-TEE-neh]: Refers to people of Latin American countries or heritage- used as a gender neutral alternative to Latina or Latino. *Some argue the e is better as it is used in other gender neutral worlds like 'estudiante.'*

His·pan·ic [hi-ˈspa-nək]: Refers to people with heritage from Spanish-speaking countries (including Spain and Spanish-speaking Latin American countries).

Other: _____

Paulette is a writer and communications specialist with experience in journalism, publication, copy-editing, marketing, event planning, graphic design, and social media strategy.

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Join Our SIG Writing Group!

Looking for dedicated time to write, connect, and stay accountable? Whether you're applying to school, a graduate student, a postdoctoral scholar, or an early-career researcher, our monthly writing group offers a supportive space to make progress on your writing goals while building connections with fellow scholars.

Bring your current writing project, a goal for the hour, and join us for focused writing, encouragement, and connection

📅 When: 1-hour session each month

📍 Format: Virtual Zoom meetings

Why Join?

- ✅ **Make meaningful progress on your writing:** Set aside uninterrupted time to work on manuscripts, dissertations, conference abstracts, grant applications, personal statements, or other writing projects.
- ✅ **Stay accountable**: Writing is easier when you're not doing it alone. Share your goals, celebrate accomplishments, and build momentum through regular participation.
- ✅ **Work alongside motivated peers**: Gain energy and inspiration from a community of students and researchers who are committed to their professional and academic growth.
- ✅ **Expand your network:** Meet others with shared interests, learn about different research areas, and create opportunities for future collaborations and mentorship.

Come for the writing. Stay for the community-
We look forward to seeing you at our next Monthly Writing Group!

READY TO WRITE WITH US? FILL OUT OUR BRIEF APPLICATION:

Echale Ganas: Graduating Class

FELICIDADES to our SIG graduates! You are the future of nursing research and will continue to advance our SIG mission to to promote research that improves the health of Latine communities. Your SIG familia is proud of you, celebrates your success, and will continue to support your professional development as you embark on your next adventure! If you recently graduated, please share your story and let us congratulate you on our next SIG newsletter (please email: rosario.jaime.lara@gmail.com).

Congratulations Dr. Lisa Diaz! Dr. Diaz earned her Ph.D. from UCLA, studying the impact of social media on diabetes education for adults with Type 2 Diabetes.

Congratulations to Marianne Gutierrez, PhD (c) who will be earning Dr. her Ph.D. from UCLA. Her dissertation research is focused on Latina caregivers providing care for older adults with Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias..

Share with us your awards, publications, and accomplishments!
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ECHALE GANAS: Awards and Elections

CONGRATULATIONS- Your research, service, publication, and presentations contribute to and advance medical research and clinical practice that serve Latine communities across the country.

AWARDS AND ELECTIONS

- **Patrick Luna, MS, RN,** was nominated by students and selected by a committee of students, faculty, and administrators to receive the University of Colorado (UC) President's Excellence in Teaching Award. This award recognizes outstanding teaching by faculty. He met with the President of the UC and received the award at the May 2026 graduation (pictured left).

- **Dr. Mary Nies, PhD, RN** and Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN) was appointed following a formal selection process to the Standing Committee on the State of Nursing Science by the American Academy of Nursing's President, Dr. Debra Barksdale, PhD and the Board of Directors for a two-year term starting July 1, 2026. The selection criteria prioritized candidates with deep scientific expertise, research excellence, and long-term strategic vision to fulfill its charge of forecasting health care trends and establishing a national nursing research agenda.

- **Dr. Samia Valeria Ozorio Dutra PhD, RN,** received the 2026 Emerging Scientist Award from the Hawaii State Center for Nursing (HSCN). The Emerging Nurse Scientist Award recognizes an individual who is in the early stages of their career as a nurse scientist and demonstrates exceptional promise in advancing nursing practice through their scientific work. She has also joined the steering committee of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association child and adolescent council.

- **Dr. Adrienne Martinez-Hollingsworth, Ph.D., M.S.N., RN, PHN, WAN** has been selected for the 2027 American Nurses Association California Advocacy Institute Fellowship. She has also been awarded the 2026 American Nurses Association, CA Excellence in Advocacy.

ECHALE GANAS: Publications

We celebrate our members Advancing

PUBLICATIONS

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Looking for research participants, volunteers, members, collaborators, employees, or interns? or Advertise research events.

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Upcoming Events

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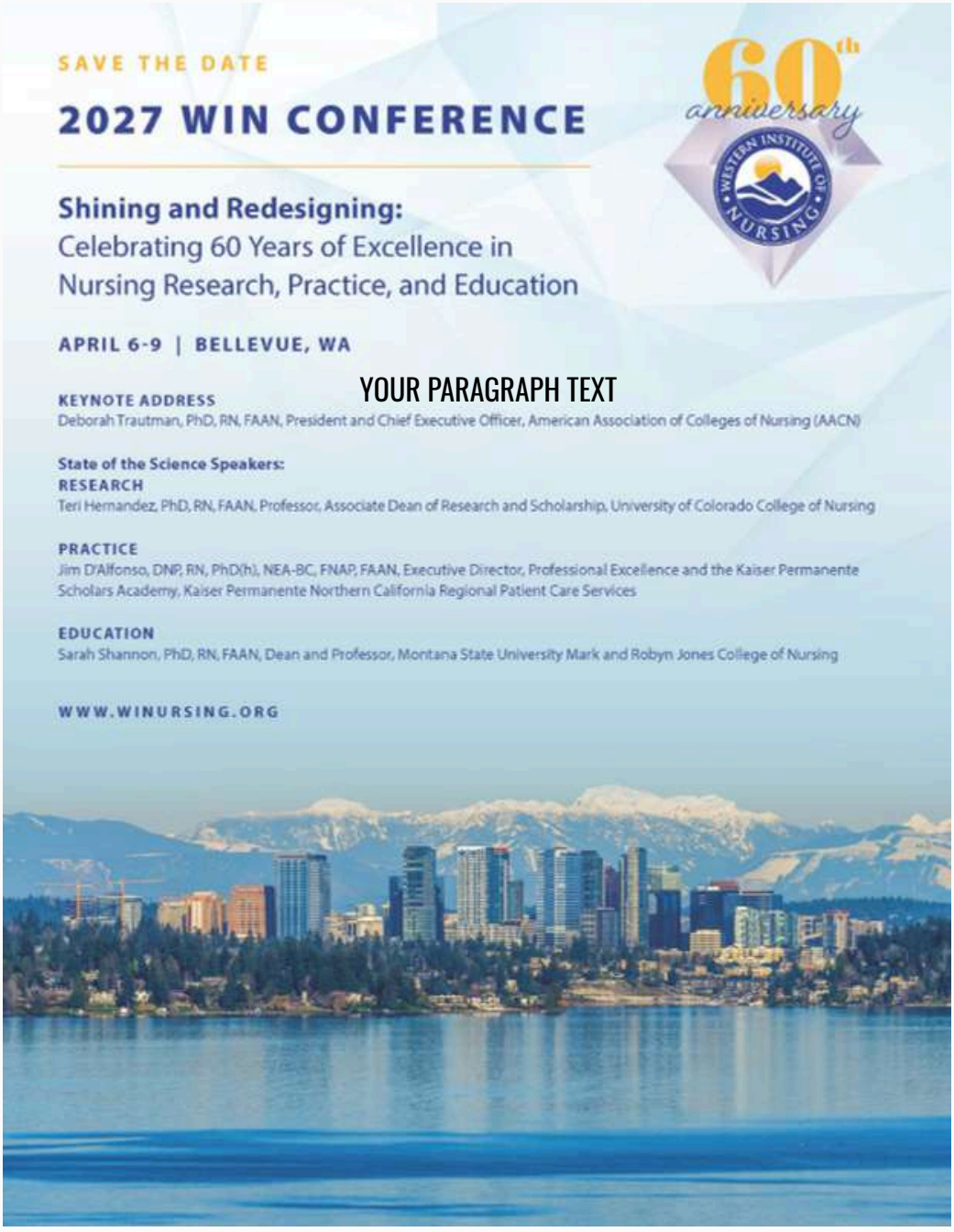

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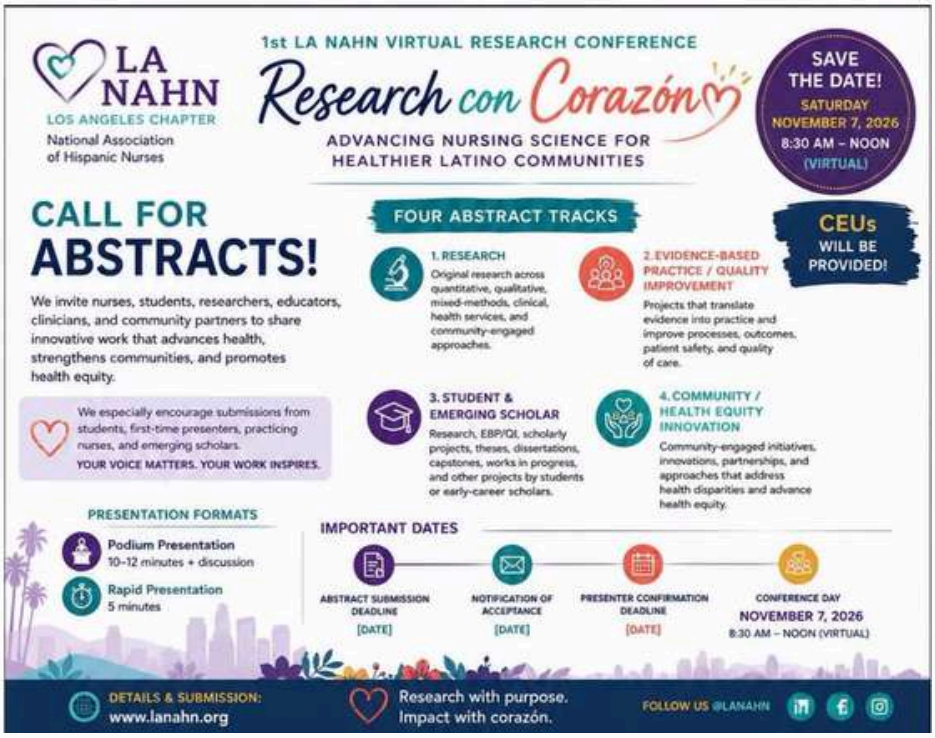
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