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Chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and diabetes mellitus, are the majority leading causes worldwide, according to the report of "Top 10 global causes of deaths in 2016" from World Health Organization (WHO). Chronic diseases account for 60% of all deaths and 43% of the global burden of disease, it is expected to increase to 73% of all deaths and 60% of the global burden of disease by 2020. However, 80% of risk factors of chronic disease, such as tobacco, overdose of alcohol, unhealthy diet and physical inactivity, can be prevented by using existing scientific knowledge.

Nursing plays an important role in chronic disease management. How to help people modify the risk factors of chronic diseases to live healthy and achieve Sustainable Development Goals 3 "Good Health and Well-Being" become one of crucial missions to nurses.

The problems come from chronic diseases need multidisciplinary and team-based strategies to solve it. Comprehensive and integrated action from international cooperation will be highly cost-effective and will be the key point to achieve success. That's why we come together for *INTERNATIONAL NURSING CONFERENCE ON CHRONIC DISEASES MANAGEMENT* to share the experience of chronic diseases management from various sources accross nations.

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