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To have a strong professional voice, the Danish Nurses’ Organization (DNO), the Professional Societies and the Danish Nursing Society collaborate on professional nursing development and development of health care.

The National Board of Health in Denmark increasingly asks the Professional Societies and the Danish Nursing Society to participate in councils and committees, for example when it comes to working groups under the The National Board of Health. Thus, nurses are an increasingly important factor in Danish health politics, contributing with nursing expertise and clinical and managerial skills.

WHAT IS A PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY?

According to the constitution of the Danish Nurses’ Organization, a Professional Society is defined as a nationwide network of professional nurses working on nursing development within a specific scope of nursing practice. The scope of practice must be encompassed within one or more of the four functional domains of nursing:

- performing clinical nursing care
- supervising and coordinating nursing care
- communicating nursing care
- and developing nursing care.

The mission of the Professional Societies is to

- promote collegial unity between members of the society
- provide support to engage in mutual training and work tasks
- contribute to members’ continuing learning, including meetings and courses
- encourage and assist in research within the specific scope of nursing practice
- support nursing development
- promote cooperation across the Professional Societies.

AREAS OF COLLABORATION - ORGANIZATION, PROFESSION AND COMMUNITY

Organization

A membership of the Danish Nurses’ Organization provides you with an opportunity to enter one or more Professional Societies in order to find inspiration and de-
develop nursing within your specific scope of practice.

Profession
The Professional Societies provide the professional framework - established by members - with the purpose of strengthening the profession and professional development.

Society
The Danish Nurses’ Organization collaborates with the Professional Societies and offers support on professional and health political issues, exchange of information, and mutual information by web sites and newsletters on a regular basis. In order to contribute with professional expert advice, representatives to the professional councils, boards and committees e.g. under the National Board of Health are appointed in collaboration with the Danish Nurses’ Organization and the Professional Societies.

International cooperation
The Danish Nurses’ Organization collaborates with other organizations on nursing development and improvement of working and living conditions for nurses in other countries. In this way, The Danish Nurses’ Organization strives to help improving health globally. Therefore, the Danish Nurses’ Organization also supports the Nordic, the European and international relationships, in which the Professional Societies are engaged.

• There are currently 35 Professional Societies under the Danish Nurses’ Organization with a total of approx. 18,000 members
• 1 / 3 of all active Danish nurses are members of a Professional Society
• Membership of the Danish Nurses’ Organization is a precondition for joining a Professional Society
Danish Societies under the Danish Nurses’ Organization

You may enter a Professional Society on its website. You find e-mail addresses and websites of the Professional Societies under the DNO-website: www.dsr.dk.

Danish Societies for Nurses in Sterilizing Departments, Surgical Out-patient Clinics, Emergency Rooms and Operating Rooms
Danish Societies for Anaesthesia and Critical Care and Recovery Nurses
Danish Societies for Nurses Working with Drug Addiction
Danish Societies for Nurses in Management
Danish Societies for Nurses in the Primary Health Care Sector
Danish Societies for Paediatric Nurses
Danish Societies for Nurse Teachers
Danish Societies for Nurses employed by General Practitioners and Infirmaries
Danish Societies for Health Visitors
Danish Societies for Nurses in Psychiatric Care
Danish Societies for Occupational Health Nurses
Danish Societies for Cancer Nurses
Danish Societies for Rheumatology Nurses
Danish Societies for Neuroscience Nurses
Danish Societies for Nephrology Nurses
Danish Societies for Dermatology Nurses
Danish Societies for Pulmonary Medicine/Allergy Nurses
Danish Societies for Diabetes Nurses
Danish Societies for Ophthalmic Nurses
Danish Societies for Cardiovascular and Thorax Surgery Nurses
Danish Societies for Stoma Care Nurses
Danish Societies for Gynaecology and Obstetrics Nurses
Danish Societies for Plastic Surgery Nurses
Danish Societies for Ear-Nose-Throat Surgery Nurses
Danish Societies for Orthopaedic Surgery Nurses
Danish Societies for Infection and Tropical Nurses
Danish Societies for Gerontology and Geriatrics Nurses
Danish Societies for Urology Nurses
Danish Societies for Nursing Advisors
Danish Societies for Transcultural Nursing
Danish Societies for Nurses in Clinical Development
Danish Societies for Nurses for Promotion and Integration of Complementary Therapies in Nursing
Danish Societies for Palliation and Hospice Nurses
Danish Societies for Gastroenterology Nurses
Danish Societies for Infection Control Nurses