Evidence Based Practice Committee
Abstract Award Guidelines

**Purpose:** The Evidence Based Practice (EBP) Poster and EBP Podium Presentation is sponsored by the Illinois ENA Evidence Based Practice Committee and is established to support scientific inquiry and dissemination of knowledge about emergency nursing. Awards will be given out during the Illinois Emergency Nurses Association Annual Spring Symposium.

**Eligibility:** The EBP Award program is open to all Illinois ENA members. To be eligible for the award, presenters must be able to be present during the poster and EBP Session. Posters must be set up at the time scheduled in the Poster Set-Up Guidelines. Abstracts submitted by any EBP Committee members are not eligible for awards.

**Criteria for Evaluating Abstracts:**
The EBP committee members will evaluate the abstracts for acceptance based on the following criteria:

- Clarity and conciseness of the problem statement
- Clarity and appropriateness of methods
- Appropriateness of the data analysis
- Conclusions supported by data and observations
- Implications for emergency nursing practice discussed
- Demonstrates contribution to the emergency nursing knowledge base

**Awards:** At the Spring Symposium, four awards will be given to abstracts with highest scores. Abstracts accepted will be eligible for the awards (poster/podium presentation).

- Each abstract/poster (not authors) receives a free 1-day registration for the Illinois ENA Spring Symposium General Sessions
- Presenters of the (4-5) winning abstracts will present a 10-15-minute podium presentation at the Illinois ENA EBP Breakout Session
- Winning abstracts/posters will be displayed for the duration of the Symposium
- Winners will be announced at the Spring Symposium EBP Breakout Session and published in the Illinois ENA website