



Dear ISPN Members and Annual Conference Registrants,

After Board deliberations and feedback from the San Antonio venue, **we regret to inform our membership that a decision has been made to cancel the ISPN 2020 Annual Conference** due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its resulting restrictions.

Since our last communication with you, there have been many changes. In light of recent developments, we were unsure if a conference in summer would be possible. Our venue, Marriott Plaza San Antonio, was not available beginning fall 2020 due to planned major renovation. Because of these factors and the Public Health Emergency declaration in San Antonio, the Marriott Plaza San Antonio is allowing ISPN to cancel the hotel contract and room block without penalty.

As a result of this decision, **you should cancel your travel tickets and hotel reservations.**

We are currently exploring alternative ways to deliver some of the presentations planned for the conference so as to continue to promote professional development in psychiatric mental health nursing. **If you were scheduled to present at ISPN 2020, we will be in touch with you soon.**

We will be setting up a procedure soon in regard to conference registration fees and will be in touch next week with more information.

We are already working on sites and dates for ISPN 2021. Keep an eye on your email and the ISPN website for more information soon!

We greatly regret the loss of an exciting opportunity to exchange ideas in person but look forward to online delivery of some of this year's information and to the 2021 conference.

Most Sincerely,

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