

**Stage 1. Rationale: To develop a list of areas and themes for consideration as priority for AHP/nursing research**

Methods	Results
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32 multi-disciplinary experts plus 6 patients/carers asked to identify priority research areas</li> <li>Research areas were grouped into themes and compressed by removing duplicates and areas known to have already been addressed</li> </ul>	<p>89 proposed research areas 23 proposed themes</p>



**Stage 2. Rationale: To gain agreement on priority areas and themes for AHP/nursing research**

Methods	Results
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>89 research areas and 23 themes were presented to 32 multi-disciplinary expert participants via SurveyMonkey</li> <li>Participants asked to rate agreement that research area was a priority using a 5 point Likert Scale (Strongly Agree, Agree, Neither Agree or Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree)</li> <li>Participants asked to rank top 10 out of 23 themes</li> </ul>	<p>97% (n=31/32) response rate (n=2 partial response; n=29 complete response)</p> <p>32 areas reached &gt;60% agreement and moved to next stage</p> <p>12 themes reached &gt;55% agreement and moved to next stage</p>



**Stage 3. Rationale: To gain agreement on priority areas and themes for AHP/nursing research**

Methods	Results
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32 research areas and 12 themes</li> </ul>	<p>97% response rate (n=31/32)</p>

<p>were presented to 32 multi-disciplinary expert participants via SurveyMonkey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants were given overall group response and their original response from stage 2 and asked to revise their opinion on agreement that research area was a priority using a 5 point Likert Scale</li> <li>• Participants asked to rank Top 10 themes</li> </ul>	<p>response rate (n=31 complete response)</p> <p>17 questions reached &gt;70% agreement in either Stage 2 or 3</p> <p><b>Top 10 themes identified</b></p>
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<b>Stage 4. Rationale: To confirm if there was a gap in literature and to focus the research areas.</b>	
<b>Methods</b>	<b>Results</b>
<p>Review of literature to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ascertain if any of 17 research areas had previously been answered</li> <li>• focus the research area</li> </ul>	<p><b>7 research areas identified as priority for future AHP/nursing research</b></p>

**Figure 1: Overview of Delphi survey to identify priority research areas and themes**