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From the Editor

Did you make it to our fall Atlantic Nursing Informatics Conference last October? The theme was *Nurses Embracing Change in an Electronic World*. It was well attended with over 65 registrants. The top four sessions as per the feedback were: Colleen Byrne, who spoke on the need of organizations to have a clear plan on approaching change management and involving the end users; the Zumba session (yes, you heard right!!); Sandra Cascadden, providing an overview of where Nova Scotia is headed with their electronic health record; and Sheila Kelly, closing the conference on a personal note by providing techniques and approaches to deal with change and how it's closely relates to our values as caring health care professionals.

As one person wrote in their evaluation: "Nursing and health informatics are hand in hand, everyone has a role. [The] goal is not to ask if one wants change rather how they want the change."

Some suggestions that are being considered for our next conference in 2013 are CPOE and Electronic Documentation implementations (what worked/ what didn't); HITSNS; specific change management examples at other organizations; and education & support methodologies with change management.

Who is an Informatics Nurse?

I used to work in the Operating Room at the VG site, but now I am the Item Master Coordinator for Horizon Surgical Manager (HSM), an electronic nursing documentation system used within CDHA's operating rooms.

In this electronic system, I maintain all items that are needed for each OR case. This includes over 7000 items. These items include supplies such as: gloves, gowns; sutures; instruments such as 150 clamps, 250 forceps; over 900 implants; tubes/ drains/ medications, to name a few.

As a nurse, I use my skills to maintain and update dozens of item requests every day. Our system generates a list of items to be picked for each OR procedure. This list can be generic, or specific to include the each surgeon's preferences.

The HSM system was interfaced with our materials system and is now in the final stages of interfacing with the provincial SAP system. In the perfect computerized world, inventory management would be streamlined and interface seamlessly with HSM, Sterile Processing and SAP. I am waiting for that day...

Jody, HSM Coordinator

Stupid computer
Keeps saying
"you got mail"



Okay, too much mail!!!



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The Future of NI

I had the opportunity to attend the National Institute of Nursing Informatics in Toronto, in February, 2012. Kathryn Hannah and Lynn Nagle, both NI Canadian leaders, were two presenters during this 3 day event. Kathryn spoke on the need for more work on policies related to IT; and outcome and analysis comparison from expert systems. Standardized reference terminology within NI is a high priority.

One big milestone reached in early 2012 has been the acceptance of Canadian Health Outcomes for Better Information and Care (C-HOBIC's) Data Set by Infoway's Standards Collaborative as a Canadian Approved Standard (CAS) for use in electronic health records. This is the first step to standardize patient outcome data for better patient safety and health system accountability.

Lynn indicated that universities and nursing leaders need to create a culture of information-based nursing practice. Most organizations have completed the implementation of individual departmental systems. Current implementations now look at more complex systems, such as clinical documentation and order entry. At this level, organizations *must* invest in change management to ensure clinical buy in by focusing on communication, process redesign; user involvement; training, support and evaluation.

To assist in these steps, Canada Health Infoway and Pan-Canadian Change Management Network published *A Framework and Toolkit for Managing eHealth Change: People and Processes*. This booklet was distributed at the Institute as a resource to Change Management; including a framework, sample tools, templates and much more. For more information about this guide, go to 'Resources' at: www.infoway.ca

Upcoming Events...

- Spotlight on NI Challenges in Canada, a special CNIA event, June 23rd at McGill University <http://cnia.ca/>
- 11th International Congress on Nursing Informatics in Montreal, June 23-27th <http://www.ni2012.org/>
- HICT 2012 – the International Forum on Health Care and Information & Communication Technology, Halifax, October 2012. Check out their site at: <https://sites.google.com/site/hict2012/>
- Improving Population Health: the Value of 3Health from September 27-28, 2012 in St John's at <http://www.nlchi.nl.ca/index.php/ehealth-2012>
- National Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses of Canada and plan to attend the conference in Dartmouth, Oct 2012. The links is: <http://www.napanc.org/provinces-territories/nova-scotia>
- CIHI (Canadian Institute of Health Information) and Statistics Canada are planning the Health Data Users Conference 2012 – Making Connections: Data, People, Technology to be held Sept 2012 in Ottawa. For more info: <http://www.cihiconferences.ca/HDUC2012/?doc=welcome>
- Check out RNO (Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario) on the release of the Nurse Educator eHealth Resource page. Check it out at: <http://rnao.ca/ehealth>