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From the President

This is an exciting time. Attending the first National Institute on Nursing Informatics in Toronto this past spring has made me realize how the next wave of EHR implementation with CPOE and clinical documentation is much more sophisticated than I first thought. Most hospitals have successfully implemented clinical departmental systems that do not necessarily interface with each other. The next generation of EHR's will overcome that hurtle with better integration of systems – which means they will be more complex. It's exciting to see this coming and be part of it!

Another session that generated great interest was the session on Social media in healthcare. Over the past few months, there has been presentations at conferences, lunch and learns (at CDHA) and Journal Club interest on this subject. Because of the explosion of applications of Social Media venues, (examples: Twitter, Facebook; blog, podcast), health care has had to scramble to catch up on policies and procedures related to its application. Because of the interest, our 2013 NSNIG conference will focus on this theme. **SAVE THE DATE of Oct 17-18th** – for our fall 2013 NSNIG conference in Halifax.

Keep in touch by checking out new postings and other related information on our website: **www.nsnig.ca.** If you'd like to get involved, please drop us an email via our site. We always welcome new members!

Sharon Forbrigger
President, NSNIG

The Knowing is Better Campaign

Canada Health Infoway has recently revved up their campaign for Canadians. If you had joined us during our October's monthly NSNIG meeting, you would have heard Anna Sherlock from COACH discuss the campaign. There are now 2 streams of education: 'Why Knowing is Better for Canadians' and 'Why Knowing is Better for Clinicians'. Both have short videos to assist in the understanding of Canada's EHR planning.

The Clinician campaign has a toolkit so that you can become a clinical champion. There is supporting documentation, videos and an orientation guide to assist you. As the main provider to patients and being the biggest network of clinicians in health care, we as informatics nurses, are in the perfect position in becoming a clinical champion in support of Canada's EHR plans. To find out more information about this project, please visit: **https://www.infoway.ca**

The new Home Office

The Internet is still down…

I hit the CTRL key but I'm still not in control!

"NO! NO! TAKE my KIDS! Down the hall, 1st door on the left"

If you have any comments, please contact the editor at:
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Who is an Informatics Nurse?

I have been working as an RN since 1985. It was in 2003 that I was first introduced to Nursing Informatics when the unit I was working on began using the Order Entry application through Meditech. This was, to say the least, a challenge for me as I had very limited experience with computers up to this point in my life. In 2005, my experience was enhanced with the introduction of PCS (electronic documentation) on my unit. I once again was faced with a challenge, and I was able to move forward and actually became quite interested in this application and very quickly realized that it allowed me the opportunity to document in a much more complete and organized manner.
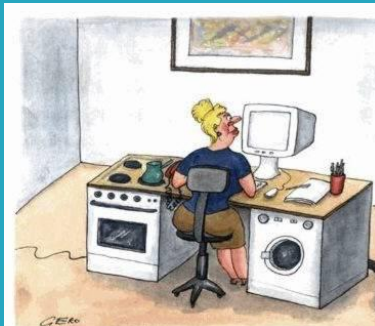
In October of 2011, I began a new job as Clinical Informatics Trainer for CBDHA. This position relies heavily on Informatics. I am responsible for training Meditech applications such as, Order Entry, PCS, and EMR, along with Medworxx UM (electronic bed utilization tool). I train all disciplines within the district. To do so, I must have a good understanding of how these systems work as well as how they interface with each other. I depend greatly on other systems within our district as well, such as our hospital Intranet for scheduling training sessions, email for communicating with other district employees as well as HITS staff. With our district being so large and travel not always being an option I also use the Bomgar application to do some training sessions.

I know that Informatics is here to stay and is only going to broaden into a much larger part of our work life. I believe that staff members are definitely up for the challenge, since computer use has become much more prevalent in our academic and social lives.

Bev, Informatics Trainer, CBDHA

Upcoming Events…

- COACH Webinar on Telehomecare: The New Frontier Dec 18, 2012 **https://coachorg.com/en/ctf/education_events.asp**
- CNA's Webinar series (starting January 2013) **https://cna.webex.com/mw0307l/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=cna**
- NiHi (National Institutes of Health Informatics Canada, January, 2013 (and other on-line courses) **http://www.nihi.ca/index.php**
- ITCH 2013 Conference …Enabling Health & Healthcare Through ICT, Victoria, B.C., Feb 21-23, 2013 **http://www.uvic.ca/hsd/itch/**
- 2nd National Institute on Nursing Informatics, at University of Toronto, Feb22-24, 2013, Dr. Lynn Nagle **http://bloomberg.nursing.utoronto.ca/pd/professional-development/informatics**
- HIMSS 13 Nursing Informatics Symposium, New Orleans, March 3-7, 2013 **http://www.himssconference.org/Education/EventsListTopic.aspx?MetaDataID=129**
- IFHIMA (International Federation of Health Informatics Mgmt Assoc partnered with CNIA), Conference May 12-15, 2013 Montreal **http://www.ifhimacongress2013.com/program/week-glance**
- CRNNS AGM & Awards Banquet May 14-15, Dartmouth **http://www.crnns.ca/default.asp?id=190&sfield=content.id&search=6474&mn=414.1116.1136**
- ICNI 2013: International Conference on Nursing Informatics, Amsterdam, May 15-16, 2013. **https://www.waset.org/conferences/2013/amsterdam/icni/**
- E-Health 2013 Conference, Ottawa, May 26-29, 2013 **http://www.e-healthconference.com/**