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From the President

Hard to believe at times that nursing informatics as a specialty has been around for over 3 decades. In fact, the Nova Scotia Nursing Informatics Group will be celebrating its 20 year anniversary in 2015 - a significant accomplishment! Despite challenges along the way, nurses and their many partners have stepped up to meet the evolving information management priorities within a very complex healthcare system.

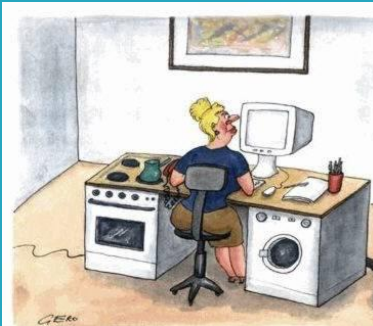
NSNIG showcased just a handful of these achievements during our biennial Atlantic Nursing Informatics Conference held in Halifax October 17 and 18, 2013. Our theme was *'Building Bridges- Making Connections'* and explored local, provincial and national perspectives relating to today's healthcare system. Various local and provincial electronic health record implementations were reviewed including the lessons learned when taking on these initiatives. We were fortunate to have the patient voice with regards to Nova Scotia's Personal Health Record system. Also a conference focus was the use of social media within healthcare and nursing practice- including aspects such as professional practice, ethics, privacy and security. It was a great success! And timely coverage of topics given the newly legislated Provincial Health Information Act (PHIA) was released June 1, 2013.

Our Annual General Meeting is approaching fast and scheduled for June 18th. Here, we will review and celebrate our year's activities and look forward to a milestone anniversary year. This is truly an exciting time for NSNIG as we continue on this path we call nursing informatics! I welcome and encourage all returning and new members to take this journey with us!

Sincerely,

Diane MacLean

The following update on what is happening with the SHARE Portal is kindly provided by Stacey Black, a Clinical Application Specialist with HITSNS



The new Home Office



The Internet is still down...

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



If you have any comments, please contact the editor at: forbriggerst@cdha.nshealth.ca

SHARE (Secure Health Access Record), is Nova Scotia's electronic health record system (EHR) and provides authorized health-care providers with immediate access to their patients' health histories via a portal.

The EHR receives its data through an interface connected to many different applications from the province's hospital systems – NSHIS (DHA 1-8), Capital District Health (CDHA) and IWK. Information started to flow in 2010 from CDHA and from IWK and NSHIS in 2012.

Currently the EHR contains information about admissions, discharges, lab results and diagnostic results and images, for example X-rays or MRIs. It also includes many clinical reports such as discharge summaries and consultations. Eventually the EHR will link information from clinics, hospitals, pharmacies and other points of care together.

SHARE's user base is largely comprised of RNs, MDs, Ward Clerks, Allied Health professionals and many more. SHARE user adoption is ongoing and currently RNs are the largest user group. While this user base is primarily hospital based at this point, there are also users in long-term care facilities and private health offices.

HITS-NS employs two Clinical Applications Specialists assigned to SHARE who work in collaboration with a technical team to support the EHR. In this role we provide user and coordinator support – each district has a SHARE Coordinator who assists in the roll out of the EHR to users. Additionally, we participate in activities such as upgrades and adding other results to the EHR. We assist with training and perform day to day maintenance of the portal and the data repository.

Working with Nova Scotia's EHR is a very interesting role and it is rewarding to be a part of an evolving provincial health record that assists in the care of Nova Scotians.

Stacey Black RN

Clinical Application Specialist

The National Institute of Health Informatics is offering a Virtual Bootcamp in July, 2014. This is a three day opportunity that can be attended via distance. The dates are July 15, 16&17, 2014. Follow this link for the pertinent details.

<http://www.nihi.ca/index.php?MenuItemID=314>

Virtual Boot Camp National Institutes of Health Informatics

The Centre for Professional Development, University of Toronto is planning another three day National Institute on Nursing Informatics course in Winter 2015.

To quote from the website:

This 3-day institute will focus on key issues and challenges related to informatics in practice, administration, research and education. The program will be of particular interest to nurses currently working in informatics; nurse leaders who wish to broaden their knowledge and understanding of health informatics; nurse educators who are responsible for the integration of informatics into entry level nursing; as well as nurses considering a future career in informatics.

Stay tuned. The registration information will be posted when available.

Other Upcoming Events...

Pushing Evidence into the Hands of Clinicians to Coordinate Care Transitions and Prevent Readmissions

June 24, 2014 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Eastern Time

Virtual Event

Member Cost: \$0

Non-Member Cost: \$0

This Information on how to participate is from their website:

We invite you to attend a complimentary Webinar on June 24, 2014, to learn how Meritage ACO, Marin General Hospital (MGH), and other community providers deployed a real-time multidisciplinary mobile care navigation network that enabled multiple caregivers, from diverse locations, to seamlessly collaborate on care, create safe transition plans, and engage patients post-discharge.

Through real time, efficient, and effective management of care transitions, MGH was able to realize a reduction in all-cause 30 day readmissions and LOS while improving the patient experience related to discharge management.

During this webinar, you'll learn:

- The value of a standardized evidence-based care transition program to drive performance improvement
- The best means of deploying a mobile care coordination and communication platform to connect acute and post-acute care teams in the management of patients
- Strategies to prepare providers for discharge process improvement and clinical transformation initiatives

<http://www.himss.org/Events/EventDetail.aspx?ItemNumber=30254>

Don't forget that the Online Journal of Nursing Informatics is available online.

This free, international, peer reviewed publication, published quarterly and supports all functional areas of nursing informatics, can be accessed via

<http://www.himss.org/ojni>

And lastly, remember this event being offered by the CRNNS:

Professional Presence: are you making the grade?

The College is offering this professional development opportunity for registered nurses working in leadership roles. The workshop will be held in Baddeck and in Truro.

Dates are:

October 20 | Baddeck

November 6 | Truro

For information and to register

<http://www.crnns.ca/default.asp?mn=414.1116.1131.23238>
