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From the President

Did you know that the Nova Scotia Nursing Informatics Group has been in existence since 1995? This year we're celebrating 20 years of being a Special Interest Group for Nursing Informatics. Think back to 1995 and where you were then. As for me, I was working part time on an orthopedic nursing unit at Vancouver Coastal Health Authority while completing my Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of British Columbia.

Informatics was *not* in my vocabulary at all, but unknown to me, the Vancouver General and 3 other amalgamated sites were planning to implement an Admitting/ Discharge/ Transfer system that could retrieve blood work/ EKG and X-ray results on line.

I was hired in 2006 during the implementation phase to train and support staff as the system was rolled out. It was a very exciting time! However, I was very naïve about all the background work done prior to a system roll out. I had no knowledge of the work invested by others in choosing an ADT system; the work to interface the various existing hospital systems; all the testing involved; logging the issues; and cycle of receiving fixes and re-testing until the system is ready to be deployed.

Over the past 20 years, not only have I learned so much; the technology available to us is so much more advanced. All nurses today rely on informatics of some sort – whether they realize it or not. Communication is now done by email; texting; twitter; face book to name just a few. When I see the younger generation using the current technology in everything they do – the advances they will see in informatics during their life time is unimaginable!

With a nostalgic look at our past, review of the present and eager anticipation of the future, NSNIG is gearing up to present our fall conference with the theme:

Looking Back and Moving Forward, Celebrating 20yrs of NSNIG.

Reserve the date of October 19 & 20th and please join us in October – with stories to tell of *your* experience of how informatics has changed your work in health care over the past 20 years.

Sharon Forbrigger,
President NSNIG

Wireless Communication in Healthcare



Wireless Communication



I told to cover his eyes with an EYE -PAD.



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

The Canadian Nursing Informatics Association (CNIA)and the Ontario Nursing Informatics Group (ONIG), in association with COACH, will be hosting a 1 day conference as an added event to ehealth 2015.

The 1 day conference will take place on May 31, 2015, in Toronto, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

The conference title is Nursing Informaticians – Making Connections

Deadline for Abstracts is extended to February 28, 2015 at 17:00 Eastern Time

For more information, please visit the CNIA website at: www.cnia.ca

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

To quote the website description from a previous course:

The 3rd National Institute on Nursing Informatics is a unique educational opportunity for nurses interested in learning more about advances in Canadian health informatics. The 2½ day onsite institute will be held in Toronto, hosted by the Centre for Professional Development at the Lawrence S. Bloomberg, Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto and will focus on key issues and challenges related to informatics in practice, administration, research and education.

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

You can also visit their website at:

<http://bloomberg.nursing.utoronto.ca/pd/professional-development/informatics#content1> and choose the option to have them notify you when registration is available.

Other Upcoming Events...

CRNNS Events

RNs and NPs Leading with a Solution Focused Approach

2015 Education Forum | May 13, 2015

This year they are asking for:

Local RNs & NPs with Local Solutions to share their story and to present at this year's Education Forum. See message below:

We're looking for local RNs and NPs to present local solutions during our Solution Labs, a new component at this year's education forum. In keeping with the theme of the forum, the Solution Labs will be structured like mini presentations with an emphasis on leading with a solution-focused approach.

Participation in the Solution Labs is the perfect opportunity to share your story about how you and/or your colleagues have participated in or implemented positive change within your nursing area. It's your story to tell so you have the freedom to present by yourself, with co-workers or among a panel of peers.

Details are available at: <http://www.crnns.ca/documents/SolutionLabs.pdf>

CRNNS has one more webinar Real Engagement Boot Camp session on March 4, 2015 and are inviting nurses to sign up and attend the session. For more information and a video explanation, check out the Real Engagement page on the College website:

<http://www.crnns.ca/default.asp?mn=414.1116.1123.23423>

The previous three sessions were recorded and are available online if you wish to review them.

See the Invitation below:

Subject: An Invitation to members of the NSNIG

As a front-line nurse, I believe in the importance of RNs, especially front-line nurses, garnering support from the College of Registered Nurses to help us determine the best future for nursing practice. I have been a participant in the College's Real Engagement Initiative and continue to serve as a member of their advisory group. Last year, a number of successful sessions were held province wide, where nurses were able to help define the vision going forward. The College has now scheduled 6 more Real Engagement Community Sessions across the province, to meet with RNs and NPs. It would be extremely beneficial to have the participation of members of the Nova Scotia Nursing Informatics Group so that they too can share their thoughts. Would it be possible for you to forward this invitation to them?

For those who are unable to attend a session in person or who wish delve more deeply into the Real Engagement process, the College has also prepared four 30 minute interactive on-line webinars. Real Engagement Boot Camps feature topics related to looking at nursing from new angles. I would encourage your members to sign up for one and all if they are able to.

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Thank-you, Maureen Mac Eachern

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>

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And last but not least:

The **Nova Scotia Nursing Informatics Group (NSNIG) conference:**
Looking Back and Moving Forward, Celebrating 20yrs of NSNIG

Keep visiting our website for information on the NSNIG conference in the fall of 2015. It will be continually updated as details are finalized.

<http://www.nsnig.ca>

Come help us celebrate our 20th anniversary on **October 19 & 20, 2015**

*There will be a discounted conference rate for current NSNIG members.

Don't forget to renew your NSNIG membership by May 31, 2015. The registration form can be downloaded from:

<http://www.nsnig.ca/membership.html>

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by Carl Elbing

