

ABSTRACT:

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The Nurse Peer Leader Strategy: Maximizing Nursing's Involvement in eHealth for Quality Care

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Key Objectives:

1. Gain an understanding of the RNAO/CHI Nurse Peer Leader Strategy
2. Identify key components of the Peer Leader Strategy, including awareness raising approaches, resources, and outcomes

Funded by Canada Health Infoway(CHI), the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario is taking the lead in an exciting ehealth initiative in Ontario- the Nurse Peer Leader Strategy. This initiative is designed to promote and foster nurses' awareness of and involvement in eHealth in their workplace. The Nurse Peer Leader Strategy involves knowledgeable, credible peers who are broadening the reach of eHealth into the nursing community through Ontario's Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs). The strategy is part of the CHI Ontario Clinician eHealth Support Network (CeHSN) which will provide a basis for interprofessional practice including nurses, physicians and pharmacists, and become a part of the Pan-Canadian Peer Strategy.

The key role of the Nurse Peer Leaders is to leverage existing resources such as the Ontario Nursing Informatics Group, the co-ordinators of the Health Outcomes for Better Information and Care (HOBIC) initiative, the eHealth champion network, LHIN eHealth representatives and the RNAO online eHealth Education program and to engage nurses in a dialogue about eHealth and nursing practice.

This presentation will provide the overview, purpose and goals of the Nursing Peer Leader Strategy including the RNAO Nursing and eHealth resources available to the Nurse Peer Leaders. These resources, available through funding from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, include the RNAO eHealth toolkit, the eChampion Network, and the RNAO Nursing and eHealth Education Program. Finally, the presentation will focus on successful spread approaches used and early results.

BIO:

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