

ABSTRACT:

STREAM: PREPARING NURSES ACROSS THE CONTINUUM

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Putting the E! Back in eHealth: Energy, Excitement and Engagement

Many organizations are well on their way to an electronic EHR while others may be just beginning their journey. Now is the time to energize, refocus and educate nurses to build momentum for the future of the electronic health record in Canada.

With that strategy in mind eHealth Ontario, in conjunction with the RNAO and Canada Health Infoway, have engaged key nursing leaders in eHealth in a new initiative aimed at energizing, educating and engaging nurses in Ontario about an electronic health record and eHealth.

Fourteen Peer 2 Peer Leaders were selected from across Ontario creating a dynamic group of nurses to assist in the dissemination of updates and information to the wider nursing network across the province. During this panel presentation 4 eHealth Peer2Peer Leaders shared their tips, tricks and strategies about how to engage and revitalize nurses as we move forward. Ideas for mentoring, networking and e-learning were discussed as well as the use of various social networking sites.

Think you've heard it all? Join us as we put the excitement back in eHealth!

BIO:

Wendy Lang RN

Wendy Lang is the Clinical Informatics Specialist for Documentation at Grand River Hospital in Kitchener, Ontario. She became involved in Informatics when the hospital began to develop the electronic documentation system and has been an eHealth Champion since 2006. For the past eight years she has been involved in the design and implementation of McKesson Horizon Expert Documentation system and electronic care mapping at Grand River Hospital. Currently she is the RNAO Peer to Peer Champion for the Waterloo-Wellington LHIN

Alison MacDonald, RN, MN

Alison MacDonald is the Clinical Education Leader in the Clinical Informatics Department at the Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences in Whitby, Ontario. Alison developed an interest in Informatics while studying her master's degree at the University of Toronto and at the same time worked on the development of an electronic documentation system for home care nurses. Currently her focus is on the design and implementation of Meditech 6.0 at Ontario Shores. She is the RNAO Peer to Peer Champion for the Central East LHIN.

Carol A. Cooke, R.N., MHS

Carol A. Cooke is an Applications Consultant at Quinte Health Care in Belleville, Ontario. Carol is an RN by background, with experiences covering a broad cross-section of the continuum of health care. Carol holds a Masters of Health Studies. She brings 33 years of healthcare experience and project management skills to this position.

Currently, Carol provides applications support for the Picis operating room Electronic Health Record and for the Meditech corporate scheduling application. Carol is also a member of the RNAO Peer 2 Peer project and recently participated in a peer review of the soon to be published RNAO eHealth Toolkit

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