



ABSTRACT:

STREAM: NURSES AND E-HEALTH

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Role of Nurses in EHR implementation

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This track offers practical ways to evaluate and introduce electronic health records in a healthcare setting including privacy and security and medication management.

Gone are the days when the phrase “computer skills” was a rare and wonderful addition to a nurse’s resume. Computer skills are now mandatory. Indeed, many nurses receive at least a portion of their nursing education by taking on-line courses.

As many health care systems convert paper documentation to electronic health record (EHR) systems, nurses play an important role in the evaluation of these computer systems. Easy access to client information is a primary goal for any EHR system. This track will explore how the nursing role changes in an electronic world, how the clinical workflow is affected and how to manage this change.

An electronic health record can improve client care, decrease errors and decrease workload. However, simply turning an existing paper record into an electronic record will not result in these outcomes. The way information is gathered, recorded, accessed and used needs to be analyzed in order to develop processes that are effective and meaningful for electronic documentation. What are the challenges and how do we integrate this technology in an already demanding environment?

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BIO:

Lyse Penny has over 25 years in education and 10 years experience in managing the implementation of Electronic Health Records. This background coupled with all the work she has done with private practices, medical clinics and community health centres gives her a good foundation to assist others with their transition plans. She has conducted well over 100 clinical workflows, skill assessments and designed several implementation plans.

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