

ABSTRACT:

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Health Outcomes for Better Information and Care

Standardizing Clinical Outcomes Across the Health Care Continuum

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The implementation of electronic health records will improve patient outcomes, patient safety and the cost effectiveness of health care delivery; however, a fully interoperable system depends on the introduction of standardized datasets. In Ontario, the Health Outcomes for Better Information and Care (HOBIC) program is introducing a systematic structured language to patient assessments for a suite of evidence-based clinical outcomes.

This presentation examined the data standards that are being implemented in four sectors of the health care system. One of the key goals is to support nurses in realizing the benefits of collecting standardized information and using this information to inform care planning. Through the electronic collection of the HOBIC measures at the point of care, nurses are provided with real-time information to use in practice. Nurse leaders have access to reports to use examining best practices. This presentation will explore the value of this information for clinicians, executives, and the health care system.

As of September 1, 2009 over 130 organizations are collecting this information electronically at the point of care. The team is collaborating with key stakeholders within regions to develop a model to support the electronic sharing of clinical outcomes between organizations to enhance patient care across the continuum.

Factors that support the technology readiness of clinicians were discussed with a focus on the complex interaction between technology adoption, evidence-based practice and clinical work flow. This innovative program is laying the foundation for the inclusion of clinical information in electronic health records.

BIO:

Ginny Odette

Ginny is a Registered Nurse with a masters degree in Art Therapy/Psychotherapy. She has worked for the last two years as a Regional Coordinator for HOBIC in Mississauga Halton. Ginny has a strong background in business process design in Health Care settings. In the last ten years Ginny has worked on significant projects including leading the award project " The e-health Telehomecare strategy". Managing Change has become her area of expertise. She understands where process changes should be made to support ground breaking IT initiatives. The improvement of patient care is at the centre of her work.

Peggy White

Peggy White is the Program Manager for the Health Outcomes for Better Information and Care (HOBIC) program. HOBIC is implementing the electronic collection of standardized nursing information in acute care, long-term care, complex continuing care and home care settings across Ontario for abstraction onto a provincial database. Peggy is also the National Project Director on a Canada Health Infoway funded initiative, sponsored by the Canadian Nurses Association, which is building on the work of HOBIC, to foster nursing uptake of the EHR by providing content that is of value in nursing practice.