

Fall Education Day - A Success!!!

The "Integrating Nursing Information across the Health Care Continuum" fall workshop was a great success. The evaluation overall rating of the conference was "Very good".

Some comments received were- 'Very well organized, Dr. Nagle was well presented and interesting', 'Tangible and useful information - this was an opportunity to discuss problems related to workload measurement' and 'Informative day - thanks'. The responses from 2 questions on the evaluation form were -

1. *Would you like to continue the partnership of Nursing Informatics and Workload Measurement groups for future events?* YES 32 NO 4

Comment: 'they are no longer separate entities'

2. *Would you like to have future educational events offered by an alternative means?*

YES 26 NO 14

Comment: 'one cannot promote technology without taking advantage of it wherever possible, video and teleconferencing would allow more frequent, cost effective means for sharing information.'

Thank you to all you organized and participated in this workshop.

From the President's Mouse !!

The 1997/98 term is quickly coming to a close. It has been a busy year and your executive has been faced with many challenges that will continue into the next term. It is crucial that



nurses become more involved in nursing informatics and decisions that are being made at all levels and the impact of these decisions on your practice. If each nurse would invest a couple of hours each month the load would be lighter for all. In this newsletter you will find nomination forms, proposed law revisions, and preliminary information on our annual NSNIG meeting. Voting will be done by mail again this year. I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

Tony Prime, President NSNIG

NSNIG Executive

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Practice Groups

NSNIG is one of 18 Professional Practice Interest Groups (PPIG) of RNANS. If you would like to contact or establish a group, call the Nursing Education Dept. of RNANS at ext. 224, or email lhilton@rnans.ns.ca. The listing and guidelines for establishing a PPIG are available on the RNANS website www.rnans.ns.ca

Partnership for Health Informatics/Telematics

Formed in 1996, this partnership is shaping the National Agenda for Health Information Management and Information Technology standards. The Partnership objectives are;

- "To define and adopt emerging standards for Health Informatics in order to ensure the evolution of a non-redundant, non-conflicting set of standards for Canada,"
- "To collaborate with other standard-setting organizations in Canada and internationally," and
- "To utilize the standards to enable the development of national, longitudinal electronic health records, accessible to consumers, health providers, researchers, policy makers, health monitoring and surveillance agencies."

Here is the list of the 6 working groups and the Chairperson of each;

1. Health Information Model -

(Trevor Hodge, Chief Information Officer
Alberta Health)

2. Terminology, Classification & Nomenclature-

(Dennis Protti, Professor, School of Health Information Science, University of Victoria)

3. Privacy, Confidentiality, Data

Integrity, and Security (Brenda Seaton,
President Carelink Inc.)

4. Information Exchange Protocols

(Dr. M. Guerriere, VP Utilization management and Chief Information Officer, The Toronto Hospital)

5. Advanced Health Technologies

(Roger Girard, Director, Information Services, McGill University Hospital Centre)

6. Health Identification Systems

(Pat Coward, President/CEO Greater Victoria Hospital Society)

(Referenced from

www.cihi.ca/partship/partner.htm)

You may receive additional information about The Partnership for

Health Informatics/Telematics by contacting partnership@cihi.ca.

New VP for GRASP

GRASP Systems Ltd. is pleased to announce the appointment of Helene Clement as Vice President, Canadian Operations. Helene joined GRASP systems in 1996, is a bilingual RN with masters preparation in health administration.

NISIG Joins CNA

The Chair of the COACH Nursing Informatics Special Interest Group (NISIG) announced that this group has been accepted as an Associate member of the Canadian Nurses Association. "This affiliation with the CNA will provide a forum for addressing informatics issues that impact on the nursing profession as a whole. Nurses from all over Canada can be informed and involved with information technology issues and their role within the nursing profession and clinical components of health information."

(HealthCare Computing & Communications, CANADA, August 1997:Vol X1, No. 4.p.15)

CARING

Capital Area Roundtable on Informatics in Nursing is a non-profit forum for the advancement of automated healthcare information systems.

Membership is open to all interested persons. The objectives of this organization are to a) "provide educational experiences including contact hour events, b) publish educational/informational articles, c) act as a clearing house for seminars, positions and speakers, and d) provide a professional network for healthcare information system" "This database includes over 1500 people from over 30 states and 4 countries". There are no dues -only the cost of newsletter distribution (\$20.00 US)

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Membership Drive....

Please copy and post handout included with this newsletter to advertise NSNIG!!!
A homepage for NSNIG is presently underway - soon we will be on-line!

Nursing Informatics Special Interest Groups around the World

You may want to find out what your colleagues are up to around the world...

American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Nursing Informatics Working Group

American Nurses Association (ANA) Council on Nursing Services and Information

Australian Nursing Informatics Council (ANIC)

Brazilian Nursing Association Nursing Informatics Group

British Columbia Computer Society Nursing Specialist Group

Canadian Health Informatics Association (COACH)

Capital Area Roundtable on Informatics In Nursing (CARING)

Computers in Healthcare Interfacing with Nursing (CHIN)

Health Informatics in Education at the Open University (United Kingdom)

Healthcare Informatics of New Jersey (HINJ)

Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) -North America

International Medical Informatics Association Special Interest Group on Nursing Informatics (SIGNI)

Northern California Nursing Informatics Association (NCNIA)

Nova Scotia Nursing Informatics Group (NSNIG)

Nursing Informatics Special Interest Group of the German Association of Medical Informatics (GMDS)

Nursing Informatics New Zealand (NINZ)

Ontario Nursing Informatics Group (ONIG)

Spanish Society of Nursing and Internet

Swiss Special Interest Group Nursing Informatics

Upcoming Events

April 5-8: COACH Conference 23
Toronto Ontario 1-403-489-4553 or
coachorg@telusplanet.net

May 12 - 14: 1998 RNANS AGM and Education Conference - Dartmouth, Holiday Inn.

May 13 - NSNIG Annual General Meeting - Holiday Inn, Dartmouth. 0745-0845 (tentative)*****

May 29 1998 -Registration deadline for Nursing Informatics Course, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Contact Suzette Morell (902) 867-5390, 1-800-588-2246 / smorell@stfx.ca

June 20 1998- Nursing Informatics Workshop, Seattle WA USA. 312-664-4467

July 19-24, 1998 Summer Institute in Nursing Informatics '98 University of Maryland.
huntley@nurse-1.ab.umd.edu

Nursing Reunion

August 22/98 VGH Class' 88
Please contact: Sherri Cariou (Lenton)
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Things to think about...

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
Is it possible to be totally partial?



Words of Wisdom

"Night-time is really the best time to work. All the ideas are there to be yours because everyone else is asleep" -----Catherine O'Hara

Trivia...

Q - What does C.A.N.I.P. stand for?
A: Canadian Association of Nurses in Independent Practice. They promote a forum for the nurse to lobby for health care system changes and receive practical and moral support. For more information - hotline 1-705-727-3171 or mhogg@freespace.net

Clarification - The Nova Scotia Hospital, Dartmouth NS is the beta site in North America for Care Works (Grasp) for Mental Health Services. This was unclear in the Fall Newsletter.

To the Editor.....
Please write the editor with comments, ideas for this newsletter, and for information you would like to share with your fellow NSNIG members.



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