Canadian Nursing Informatics Association

The CNIA Newsblast delivers informatics news from Canada and around the world to our members and subscribers.

Nursing informatics front and centre

The world has changed dramatically since the February News Blast and all of us are facing new realities, responsibilities, and challenges, in the face of COVID19. With physical distancing requirements, nursing and health informatics has been thrust in the spotlight across the country. Virtual health services and health information technologies have been rapidly developed and deployed in an effort to maintain continuity of care and champion creative, technology-empowered healthcare service provision. Perhaps for the first time, we can get a glimpse of the power and potential of health information technologies. At the same time, the challenges and shortcomings of current infrastructures are being revealed. One thing is certain -- by the end of this pandemic, the world's view of the relevance and potential impacts of nursing informatics will be forever changed. It is now up to nurses and nurse informaticians to shape this narrative.

CNIA members, including the Executive Board, are involved in much of the work in supporting or leading nursing informatics efforts across the country. We know that many of you are busy leading important nursing informatics initiatives in the face of the pandemic; we hope that the CNIA can play a role in information sharing among nursing informatics professionals. Opportunities to share lessons learned, challenges encountered, and solutions to mitigate those challenges are valuable knowledge to learn and may make the difference for those who may be in the early stages of developing an informatics initiative. In this News Blast, we describe some the ways in which the CNIA Executive Board aims to contribute to supporting the work of nursing informaticians in Canada.

We would love to hear from you if there are other ways that you think CNIA can support your work. We hope that you and your loved ones are able to stay safe.

Nursing Informatics and COVID-19

As the world responds to the global pandemic informatics solutions are rapidly expanding to meet health needs. The CNIA wants to support our members and the advancement of evidence-based digital health by providing a forum and resources for this important work.

CNIA Resource Page

The CNIA works to ensure that nursing informatics informs clinical practice, education, research, administration and policy and is a strong advocate of technological innovations that improve access to care during this global challenge and in our healthcare future.

This CNIA resource page will be updated to provide reliable resources to support best practices in digital health and communication as the world responds to this pandemic.

CNIA Discussion Forum

We welcome all nursing informatics related discussion in the discussion forum. We particularly encourage those of you who may be interested in discussing informatics related issues or efforts you are involved with in relation to COVID-19 to use this discussion forum as a platform for knowledge exchange.

All members, and visitors are able to engage in these discussions and can read and post comments to existing topics. ONLY members can create new topics and you must log-in (top right corner of the site) to be able to create a discussion topic. This is a forum for constructive and collaborative dialogue.

In response to the COVID19 Global Pandemic

The Canadian Nursing Informatics Association stands with our colleagues around the world, providing care for pandemic patients and supporting the accelerated implementation of digital health solutions to address this unprecedented challenge.

As technological solutions are sought to maintain care and connectivity across physical distance it has never been more evident that nursing informatics is nursing. The increased use of informatics also reveals a need for additional resources, education, and research to ensure the effective sustained use of these solutions beyond the current crisis.

To this end, the CNIA has established a public forum on our website to facilitate discussion and knowledge exchange as well as an evolving COVID-19 resource list. Future webinars will provide additional opportunities for our members to learn from and share with one another at this critical time.

The CNIA works to ensure that nursing informatics informs clinical practice, education, research, administration and policy and has long advocated for improved investment in technological innovations, especially those that improve access to care. The value of these connections has never been clearer.

The need to harness existing nursing informatics expertise, address the required informatics competencies of all nurses, and extend the profession's understanding of the significance of health informatics are key priorities for CNIA. Addressing these priorities will be essential for the successful ongoing uptake of technologies such as virtual care, telehomecare, e-consultation, and the uptake and effective use of electronic health records, especially by patients.

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The CNIA is well positioned to support Canada in the rapid advancement of digital health in alignment with the goals of our organization to:

- Strategically seek out partnerships and networking opportunities to provide leadership and expertise for nursing informatics in Canada.
- Foster innovation by expanding and disseminating knowledge about nursing and health informatics for nurses and the healthcare community.
- Engage in national and international nursing and health informatics initiatives.
- Create awareness about the value of standardized data in health care to facilitate knowledge driven care and health system use.

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CNIA Virtual AGM in June

The CNIA AGM will be held virtually on June 25 from 9am PST/12pm EST for 2 hours. Further details and agenda will follow in the coming weeks. Please save the date!

Have an informatics item of interest to our members or subscribers?
Send it along to: communications@cnia.ca