

Describing Nursing for a Patient Care Information System: Where is the Wisdom?

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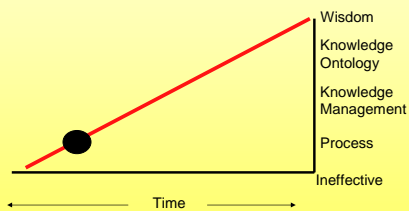
70 Universities
35,000 undergraduate students
My School:
4,500+ student nurses
140 Faculty
900 students intake/year

The American Nurses Association, in its Scope and Standards for Nursing Informatics Practice defines nursing informatics as:

Nursing informatics (NI) integrates nursing science, computer and information science, and cognitive science to manage, communicate, and expand the data, information, knowledge, and wisdom of nursing practice. (ANA, 2008)

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Ineffectiveness to Wisdom



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Wisdom in Nursing....

- Exists at an unconscious level
- Intuitive assimilation of each patient's presenting features
- Body of Evidence
- Professional Knowledge
- Personal Interpretation and action
- Experience of application over time

Problem & Consequence...

- Incongruence between Nursing Wisdom and its application into the development life cycle of Clinical Information Systems
- Nurses do not have Wisdom about information and information systems
- No connection between nursing, information and the enabling technologies
- Result - Nurses are poor contributors to developing and populating information systems

Reference Files...

- National content to underpin Care Planning across environments
- Evidence of process – task based
- Comfort zone – contribution ++
- Limited Value Add - replication
- Everyday activity – within traditional boundaries
- Mechanistic
- Unconscious thinking
- No curiosity – not inquisitive

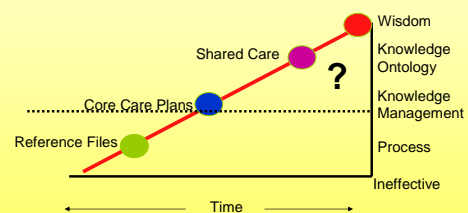
The next steps....

- Developing knowledge management
 - Extend boundaries of thought
 - Engage with unconscious
 - Encourage curiosity
- Develop Core Care Plans
- Avoid Care Check Lists

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- We now live in a digital age
- Most organisations are digitally fluent
- Each day more text messages are sent than the total population of the world
- MySpace has 200 million registered users, if it was a country it would rank 5th largest
- 3+ million questions to Google each month

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Thank You



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