

eHealth for Nurses



eHealth for Every Nurse

This course has been designed to help you learn about eHealth and how it affects your daily practice as a nurse.

It will also provide you with the necessary background information to appreciate how eHealth can enhance your nursing practice and client care, by covering such subjects as:

- how eHealth can support nursing roles, client care, and client empowerment,
- the historical development of eHealth, and
- the linkages between nursing, quality care, and eHealth

Nursing eHealth Peer Leaders: Making Connections, Increasing Awareness

The Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) has taken the lead in an exciting initiative in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Canada Health Infoway called the Nursing Peer Leader Strategy.

Nursing Peer Leaders have been selected from each Ontario LHIN and have begun the work of promoting and fostering nurses' awareness of, and involvement in, eHealth in their workplace.

RNAO selected 14 nurses who will act as peer leaders in each LHIN, some LHINS have two nurse peer leaders

Role of the Nurse Peer Leader

- Collaborate with other nurse peer leader to determine and broaden the level of awareness and knowledge within the nursing community, develop strategies to broaden engagement and understanding of eHealth
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the nursing component e.g. eLearning utilization of the Ontario Clinician eHealth support networks

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- Serve as resources to the Ministry and to the various eHealth Project Teams as they plan their deployment, change management and adoption activities

Nurse Peer Leaders for Central West LHIN

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- Multiple clinical setting roles including E.R., Medical, Family Practice & leadership
- Clinical Applications Specialist/ Nurse Informatics / Professional Practice
- 35+ years in health care, varied settings

Ursula O'Sullivan RN, William Osler Health Centre

- Clinical Informatics Analyst / Telemedicine Coordinator at William Osler Health Centre
- 18 years working in Emergency Nursing
- 24 years experience in Health Care, hospital setting.

Key focus

- Seek formal and informal opportunities to promote eHealth throughout our organizations
- Share newsletters & other communications with Central West LHIN Nurses
- Provide eHealth presentation & handouts to LHIN leadership & peers
- Implement Professional Practice connection i.e. documentation standards and electronic charting
- Encourage nurses to do the e-learning course on RNAO website
- Utilize a variety of Nursing forums to engage the nursing community in eHealth dialogue, utilize existing educational and communication tools i.e. RN Journal, eLearning, websites

Please go to the RNAO web site for further information at <http://www.rnao.org/>