

Nurse-led innovation: crucial for scaling and successful implementation of E-health.

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Abstract

Nurse-led innovation is characterized by human centered design, an expanded scope of practice, advantaged education and executive leadership which are crucial factors of success by the scaling and implementation of E-health. However, nursing innovation has yet to be fully unleashed. Organizations are already looking at nurses for individual-level innovation but they are missing out on the opportunity- including improved patient outcomes- that comes from bringing nurses into innovation at leadership level. To create a consumer-centric health system capable of addressing perplexing health issues like the COVID crisis, caring for the aging population and chronic care management, roadblocks need to be removed and the system must embrace nurses as leaders in innovation.

The field of E-health is a textbook example of the need for nursing leadership on innovation. Especially in the role of bridging between care and technology and as a director and guide for patients in the digital healthcare world shows the need for nursing leadership on innovation. By using a case in the Wilhelmina hospital in the Netherlands about the implementation of tele-monitoring of patients with heart failure, I will show the critical success factors and the important role of nurses in implementation and securing innovations.

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