Track A

Informatics Essentials

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Track A: Overall Goals

• To provide an in-depth overview of the practical knowledge and skills required for nursing informaticists.

• To discuss future opportunities with seasoned informatics nurse specialists.

• This track is designed specifically for attendees with less than two years of experience in the field of health care/nursing informatics.
Overview

Day 1

1. Introduction to Clinical Informatics & Meaningful Use: Core CI concepts, HIT systems, standards, and MU

2. Use Cases: What Are They? How to Develop Themes And Methods to Test Them: Understand how Use Cases can contribute to improved design for clinical systems and demystify their testing strategies.

3. Making It Stick: CIS Implementation & Maintenance: Accelerate system adoption with a focus on the nursing informatician’s key role throughout the system life cycle

Day 2

4. Enabled, Engaged, and Empowered (E3) Patients: Future of Care Delivery: Explore current and emerging technology approaches to consumer engagement in healthcare
Overview

5. **CIS Implementation: Show Me the Outcomes and $$$$$!!!:**
   Review the implementation of alerts and reminders to support uptake of EBP for timely urinary catheter removal in a large health system

6. **Data Analytics: Applications in Clinical Settings:** *Using analytics, we can now harness data for predictive analytics and drive prescriptive care*

**Day 3**

5. **Becoming a Competent Nursing informatician and Beyond:** *In this panel discussion, expert panel members will briefly share their career experience and explain potential career opportunities in various HIT areas.*
Introduction to Clinical Informatics & Meaningful Use Application

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Changing HealthCare Trend

Value = \frac{Quality}{Payment}

The IHI Triple Aim
- Population Health
- Experience of Care
- Per Capita Cost
Common Requirements to Support Changes

• Accurate information delivered to the right people at the right time

• Resources and enabling infrastructure

  ➔ Meaningful use of EHR and health information exchange / Interoperable systems
Health Care/Clinical Informatics

• Systems
  – Electronic Health Records
  – Registration systems
  – Lab/Radiology systems
  – Dietary systems
  – Systems that monitor quality of care
  – Finance systems
  – And other systems.....

• Various settings

• Different stakeholders
Health IT Ecosystem

- Individuals Access & Share Health Information
- HIT for Quality and Safety in Care Delivery
- Population Health Management and Regional Information Exchange
- Big Data and Analytics

Quality Measures
Public Health
Clinical Research

Technical Standards and Services
Certification of HIT to Accelerate Interoperability
Privacy and Security Protections

Supportive Business, Clinical, and Regulatory Environments
Rules of Engagement and Governance

Clinical Decision Support
Public Health Policy
Clinical Guidelines

(http://healthit.gov/sites/default/files/ONC10yearInteroperabilityConceptPaper.pdf)
Part I: Introduction to Clinical Informatics
Definitions

• **Health informatics** is defined as the interdisciplinary study of the design, development, adoption, and application of information technology (IT) based innovations in healthcare services delivery, management, and planning. *(National Library of Medicine)*

• **Clinical Informatics** is concerned with information use in health care by clinicians. CI includes a wide range of topics ranging from clinical decision support to visual images; from clinical documentation to provider order entry systems; and from system design to system implementation and adoption issues. *(American Medical Informatics Society)*
Definitions

- **Nursing Informatics (NI)** is a specialty that integrates nursing science, computer science, and information science to manage and communicate data, information, knowledge, and wisdom in nursing practice. *(American Nurses Association)*
Clinical Informaticists

• Clinical personnel
  – Physicians, Nurses, Pharmacists, Dentists, etc.
    ▪ Focus: Patient care
    ▪ Responsibilities: Manage and process clinical data, information, and knowledge to support clinical practice.
Clinical Informaticists

• Informatics Nurses (INs): “...those generalists who have gained experience in the field but do not have educational preparation at the graduate level in an informatics-related area.”

• Informatics Nurse Specialists (INSs): “...those formally prepared at the graduate level in informatics or a related field”
Functional Areas of NI/CI/HCI

*Selected examples*

- Systems Analysis and Design
- Coordination, Facilitation, and Integration
- Information Management and Operational Architecture
- Development of Systems, Products, and Resources
- Quality and Performance Improvement
- Research and Evaluation
- Administration, Leadership, and Management
- Education and Professional Development
- Policy Development and Advocacy
- Genetics and Genomics
Study of Nursing Knowledge

• Conceptual Framework: Gave and Corcoran, 1986
Moving from Data to Expert System

- Ramona Nelson, 2013

- Information, decision support, and expert systems represent and enable the evolution of data to information knowledge to wisdom.
Why do we use information systems in health care?
Health Care Problems

Solutions!!!!!!!
Electronic Health Record

“An electronic record of health-related information on an individual that conforms to nationally-recognized interoperability standards and that can be created, managed, and consulted by authorized clinicians and staff across more than one healthcare organization.”

(The National Alliance for Health Information Technology)
EHR-Concept Overview

• The EHR represents the integration of healthcare data from a collection of systems.

[Figure]
Clinical Information Systems

• Computerized provider order entry (CPOE)

• Clinical decision support systems (CDSS)

• Clinical documentation systems are used throughout healthcare.

• And others
Management of Health Data

- Healthcare Analytics
  - Analytics is the discovery and communication of meaningful patterns in data using simultaneous application of statistics, computer applications and operations research.
  - Analytic findings help healthcare professionals make more effective and efficient decisions in healthcare.

Examples:
- High cost medication prescription patterns among primary care providers (brand name drugs vs. generic names)
- Top 3 reasons for hospital readmissions within 30 days after discharge
Major Standards
Purpose of Standardized Terminologies in Healthcare Informatics (HI)

To meet the need for valid, comparable data that can be used across information system applications

Support clinical decision making and the evaluation of processes and outcomes of care.
Major Standards: *ICD-9-CM/ICD-10-CM*

- WHO Collaborating Center for the Classification of Diseases for North America.
- ICD-9-CM is a medical disease classification used in the US as a billing classification.
- By October 1, 2015 all healthcare services that receive Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement will be required to submit *ICD-10-CM*. 
Major Standards

- **Current Procedural Terminology (CPT):** Developed by the AMA and adopted by CMS and most insurance companies as reimbursement codes.

- **RxNorm:** Developed by the NLM to be a standard for representing drug information in EHRs

- **Systematic Nomenclature of Medicine-Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT):** Developed by the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization and to be used in EHRs for data entry and retrieval (*free use license managed by the NLM*)
Major Standards

• **Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC®):** Developed by the Regenstrief Institute and provides a standard set of universal names and codes for identifying individual laboratory and clinical results.

• **ANA Recognized 12 Standardized Languages for Nursing:** e.g., NANDA, NIC, CCC, Omaha system, etc.

(http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/ThePracticeofProfessionalNursing/Nursing Standards/Recognized-Nursing-Practice-Terminologies.pdf)
Health Information Exchange (http://www.healthit.gov/providers-professionals/health-information-exchange/what-hie)

• Health Information Exchange (HIE):
  – Electronic sharing of health-related information among organizations
  – Provision of services to enable the electronic sharing of health-related information

• Importance of HIE
  – Reduce duplication of services and operational costs
  – Governs and manages the data exchange process
Interoperability vs. HIE

• “Interoperability” and “HIE” are often used interchangeably, but they are not same.

• Interoperability is “the ability of two or more systems to exchange and use the information that has been exchanged.” (IEEE Standard Computer Dictionary)

• Exchange of information is necessary for interoperability.
Trends in Health care Informatics

- Meaningful Use
- eHealth/Patient Portal
- Big Data
- Patient-Centered Medical Home
Part II. Meaningful Use Application
"And therefore the general who understands war is the controller of his people’s fate and the guarantor of the security of the nation."

Institute of Medicine

*THE PROBLEM*

• To Err is Human: Building a Safer Health System (1999)
  – Errors are caused by faulty systems, processes, and conditions that lead people to make mistakes or fail to prevent them.
Institute of Medicine

- *THE PLAN*
- Crossing the Quality Chasm (2001)

CARE SYSTEM

- Supportive payment and regulatory environment
- Organizations that facilitate the work of patient-centered teams
- High performing patient-centered teams

Outcomes:
- Safe
- Effective
- Efficient
- Personalized
- Timely
- Equitable

REDESIGN IMPERATIVES: SIX CHALLENGES
- Reengineered care processes
- Effective use of information technologies
- Knowledge and skills management
- Development of effective teams
- Coordination of care across patient-conditions, services, sites of care over time
Office of the National Coordinator (ONC)

- Created under Health and Human Services in 2004 mandated in 2009 under Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH)
Accountable Care Act (2010)

- The Affordable Care Act includes a number of policies to help physicians, hospitals, and other caregivers improve the safety and quality of patient care and make health care more affordable. By focusing on the needs of patients and linking payments to outcomes, these delivery system reforms will help improve the health of individuals and communities and slow cost growth.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, CMS specifies three main components of Meaningful Use:

1. The use of a certified EHR in a meaningful manner, such as e-prescribing.
2. The use of certified EHR technology for electronic exchange of health information to improve quality of health care.
3. The use of certified EHR technology to submit clinical quality and other measures.
CMS & Meaningful Use

21st Century Healthcare
## Timeline

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<td>Increased requirements for e-prescribing and incorporating lab results</td>
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<td>Communicating that information for care coordination processes</td>
<td>Electronic transmission of patient care summaries across multiple settings</td>
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<td>Using information to engage patients and their families in their care</td>
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https://healthinformatics.wikispaces.com/Meaningful+Use
I get the quality...

Show me the $$$. 
**Predicted Medicare Cuts 2013-2022**

Medicare reimbursement will be tied to OUTCOMES:

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*University of Minnesota Sept. 2012*

So, what do I need to keep in mind as the NI at my organization?
Personal Case Study: Virginia Hospital Center

• Attested to both stages 1 & 2
• Through the valiant efforts of a hard working team, blood, sweat and tears
• Not easy, but constant communication was necessary and involvement from all levels of leadership/staff in the hospital
NI Tips from the Field

• Understand the history so you can tell the story and explain it to your endusers

• Have an “elevator speech” about MU

• Make time to study the requirements

• Know your organization’s clinical quality measures
NI Tips from the Field

• Know your resources:
  - CMS/ONC
  - Vendor
  - HIMSS
  - Countless think tanks:
  - Peers who are early adopters
### Pocket Quick Guide Comparison Stage 1 to Stage 2

#### Meaningful Use Final Rule Objectives and Measures

**NEW!** Indicates new measure finalized for Stage 2

**Red Italic Font** indicates measure combined from Stage 1 with existing or new measure finalized for Stage 2

- Detailed highlights box
- Stage 1 measure with finalized changes starting in 2013/2014
- Clinical quality measures change

#### Stage 1

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NI Tips from the Field

• Advocate on your organization’s behalf if you are not getting what you need from your vendor

• Facilitate the workflow and engage the users

• If you are not the person coordinating the process/project, make sure you are able to explain the clinical components to the person who is

• Know where the audit book is
Basic Tips

• “Stick to the standards” and avoid customizing

• If you must customize do it in a thoughtful way

• Stay up to date with the latest versions of software.

Thank you
Questions?