2021 Health Information Technology Resolution

WHEREAS, Whereas the healthcare industry has had rapid adoption and implementation of health information technology in the last decade,

WHEREAS, the electronic health record functionality has matured since the introduction of the HITECH Act in 2009,

WHEREAS, patient care at the bedside has been impacted both positively and negatively with clinicians reporting negative impact to a healthy working environment, (Dyrbye et al., 2017; Shanafelt et al., 2016) feelings of distress and burnout related to the use of technology, documentation burden, and actions by regulatory agencies (Aiken et al., 2011; Dyrbye et al. 2017; McBride et al., 2017; Poghosyan et al., 2017),

WHEREAS, nurses are a primary user of digital technologies such as electronic health records, and other point of care technologies (Batcheller et al., 2017),

WHEREAS, nurse satisfaction with their clinical information systems has not improved from 2015 to 2020 in Texas (McBride et al., 2021),

WHEREAS, support from administration, information technology and vendors are insufficient for nurses in many clinical settings (McBride et al., 2021), nurses are ideal leaders to address e-Stress (Batcheller et al, 2017),

WHEREAS, nurses experience e-iatrogenic (electronically based with system-generated causation) errors related to electronic health record functionality,

WHEREAS, communication in the electronic health record (due to poor connectivity and poor openness of information) does not always support effective collaboration with the interprofessional team (McBride et al., 2017),

WHEREAS, the use of polarity thinking as it relates to management of divergent views can support the bringing together of both views in a civil approach and can be taught to health care professionals (Johnson, 1996)

RESOLVED, that Texas Organization for Nursing Leadership and Texas Nurses Association will explore relationships of e-iatrogenic errors associated with EHR functionality and nursing errors and regulation/discipline

RESOLVED, that Texas Organization for Nursing Leadership and Texas Nurses Association address the documentation burden and stress associated with EHRs and digital technologies
RESOLVED, that Texas Organization for Nursing Leadership and Texas Nurses Association participate in the planning, development, implementation and use of digital technology for the state of Texas

RESOLVED, that Texas Organization for Nursing Leadership and Texas Nurses Association disseminate results of the Statewide Survey of Nurses Experience with their Clinical Information System to administrators, information technology departments and vendors to deploy an evidence-based approach to improvement strategies to support nurses and improve satisfaction with EHRs

RESOLVED that Texas Organization for Nursing Leadership and Texas Nurses Association promote interprofessional collaboration in re-design of the EHR to effectively communicate and provide safe, effective patient care

References


