Connected Nursing Care in Telemedicine
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Talking Points

✓ Key issues in healthcare
✓ Barriers in nursing & Telehealth
✓ The key to Universal Healthcare
Key Issues in Healthcare
Surgical site infections
31%
Post-Operative Complications
33%
Other complications
36%
Healthy recovery after discharge
30%
High-Risk Patient Management

High-risk patient's condition continuing to worsen because patient is not adhering to medication regimen.

- Behavioral health issues
- Scarce funds spent on food
- Lack of transportation to pharmacy
- Unstable housing situation
Families & Caregivers Seek Health Resources Online

- Family
- Friends
- Caregivers

- Obtain Health Information from Social Networks: Non-caregivers 12%, Caregivers 20%
- Follow Friend's Health Experiences on Social Networks: Non-caregivers 21%, Caregivers 28%
- Consulted Online Reviews of Particular Drugs or Medical Treatments: Non-caregivers 18%, Caregivers 38%
- Consulted Online Rankings or Reviews of Hospitals or Medical Facilities: Non-caregivers 12%, Caregivers 20%
Engaging patients through information technology continues as a priority for many healthcare organizations, digital health, and Telehealth programs. Patients, providers, and payers want to be part of this connected care conversation - making the patient’s experience meaningful, and convenient.
Physical Impediments

Language Barriers

Fragmented Preventative Care

Limited Post Operative Care

Healthcare Costs
Barriers in Nursing & Telehealth
Obstacles in Nursing Practice & Telehealth

- Most Telehealth services focus on physician services.
- Patients lack information on the benefits of Telehealth nursing services.
- Absence of training for nurses and Advanced Nurse Practitioners in Digital Health & Telemedicine.
- Nursing program lack Telehealth Nursing Specialty Tracks in school curriculum.
- No insurance reimbursement for patient education and care coordination services - completed by a nurse.
The Key to Universal Healthcare
NURSES IN DIGITAL HEALTH & TELEMEDICINE

- Nurses play a key role by monitoring patients’ condition, vital signs, wound care, rehabilitation, and education.

- Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, and Midwives provide a variety of services with the same quality as Physicians.

- American Academy Ambulatory Care Nursing Certification was enhanced with a telehealth component beginning April 2009, offered to all ambulatory care nurses.
48 States with some form of Telehealth reimbursement & 20+ Full Parity

22 States with Full Practice Authority for Nurse Practitioners

Nurse Licensing Compact was approved for Nurse Practitioners 5/4/2015 and 26 states for nurses

Restrictions for Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialist

No insurance reimbursement for services provided by a Registered Nurse

Chronic Disease Management is billable by a physician and Nurse Practitioner
Broadening the Scope of Nursing Practice

Key Barriers to Achieving Top-of-License Practice

Nurses Are the “Last Line of Defense”
Nurses spend time doing work that could be safely accomplished by another member of the care team or automated

Misperceptions of Nursing Roles
Physicians and other interprofessional care team members don’t fully understand nurses’ scope of practice

Core Nursing Responsibilities Across Settings

1. Assess Clinical and Psychosocial Patient Needs
2. Establish Patient Goals and Track Progress
3. Provide Patient-Centered, Outcomes-Focused Care
4. Educate and Engage Patients and Their Families
5. Manage Key Components of the Clinical Record
6. Coordinate Care with Interprofessional Caregivers
7. Facilitate Safe Patient Transitions to the Next Care Setting
8. Assess and Incorporate New Technologies and Evidence-Based Practice
Nursing Services

- Women’s Health
- Lactation Care
- Oncology Care
- Weight Mgmt.
- Pre & Post Op Care
- Mental Health
- Wound/Ostomy Care
- Palliative Care
- Pulmonology Care
- Women’s Care
- Holistic Care
- Pediatrics
Nurses Are Key to Universal Healthcare

✓ Number of nurse practitioners expected to double by 2025 decreasing the gaps in care.
✓ Nurse Practitioners could alleviate the projected primary care and specialty physician shortage.
✓ RNs expected to experience more job growth than any other occupation and should be able to practice at the extent of their license.
✓ Programs for patients in preventative care education and nurse-led care coordination.
Thank you

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