



October 5, 2009 - The [Alliance for Nursing Informatics](#), a collaboration of organizations that enables a unified voice for nursing informatics that represents more than 5,000 nurse informaticists and works in collaboration with the nearly 3 million nurses in practice today, submitted a statement to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Initiative: ***Future of Nursing: Acute Care, focusing on the area of Technology***. The Institute of Medicine (IOM) in collaboration with the RWJF established the major initiative on the Future of Nursing. The initial cornerstone of the program is to conduct a major study whose is to produce a transformational report on the future of nursing.

Recommendations:

ANI's position is that "meaningful use" of health information technology (HIT), when combined with best practice and evidence-based care delivery, will improve healthcare for all Americans. This is an essential foundation for the future of nursing and informatics nurses must be engaged as leaders in the effective use of information technology to impact the quality and efficiency of healthcare services. Thus, nurses must be supported by a healthcare environment that adequately enables their knowledge-based work as:

- Leaders in the Effective Design and Use of EHR systems
- Integrators of Information
- Full Partners in Decision Making
- Care Coordinators Across Disciplines
- Experts to Improve Quality, Safety, Efficiency and Reduce Health Disparities
- Advocates for Engaging Patients and Families
- Contributors to Standardize Infrastructure within the EHR
- Researchers for Safe Patient Care
- Educators for Preparing the Workforce

The membership organizations of ANI are well positioned to assist with future development efforts to support the future of nursing, and welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and all stakeholders on this important endeavor.

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