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1. *Explore the <u>scope</u> of Nursing Informatics and its implication for health policy and information handling activities associated with evidence based nursing practice, nursing management, nursing research, nursing education, standards and patient (or client) decision making and the various relationships with other health care informatics entities.*

- The main objectives of the Romanian Nursing Informatics Group are to support nurses and nursing organizations in Romania with information and contacts in the field of informatics;
- To offer nurses opportunities to build contact networks within the informatics field. This could be accomplished by arranging sessions, workshops and tutorials in connection with ANR (Romanian Association of Nursing), Order of General Nurses, Midwives and Nurses in Romania (OAMR-for nurses), Nurses and Midwives from Gynaecology, ATI (Anaesthesia Intensive Care) Nurses, RSMI (Romanian Society of Medical Informatics), EFMI and IMIA conferences or by arranging separate meetings;
- To support the education of nurses with respect to informatics and computing;
- To support research and developmental work in the field and promote publishing of achieved results;
- Restart of the promoting campaigns of ICNP as well as other standards of nursing;
- Governmental awareness;
- Communication procedure is via email;
- Recruiting new members.

2. *Identify priorities or gaps and make recommendations for future developments in Nursing Informatics.*

- To organize workshops for nurses, to learn nursing oriented IT applications; make nurses become actively involved in decision making regarding healthcare technologies, communications, telemedicine, research;
- Regarding restructuring, the NI (Nursing Informatics) working group has supported the action to have the ANR representative decision-making structures at the level of nursing and IT;
- Working Group supports the recognition of the NI specialty;
- Trying to adapt the nursing DRG;
- The nurses, as the care givers closest to the patient in the primary and acute care, are playing an active role in communication with patients and their families, they can access the patient's electronic health records, and provide the patients with healthcare information and also with education materials. As such, nurses must be supported by excellent EHRs and other technologies. Therefore, in their role as the "central hub" of information, nurses have significant responsibility for the quality and safety of patient care. When information systems are implemented in any healthcare setting, nurses must be involved in decision making about the usefulness, efficiency, and satisfaction with information technologies to assure that continuity of patient care is maintained;
- A future recommendation is training the nurses in the use of the national system of electronic health ID cards. These cards will contain information about the individual health insurance payments of Romanian citizens, in addition to other personal data;
- Absence of legislation on patient preferences and patient data property;
- A better nursing training in the university centers
- Support the development of Nursing Informatics in member countries and promote Nursing Informatics worldwide;
- NI Working Group provides information about national and international events related to Nursing Informatics through RSMI site or email.

3. *Support the development of Nursing Informatics in member countries and promote Nursing Informatics worldwide.*

- Corina Vernic member of RSMI, ANIA-CARING (Connecting, Sharing and Advancing Nursing Informatics) and ASCENDIO, 2012
Supporting the Romanian group of NI by informatics approach within medical assistance from Romanian Society of Medical Informatics: http://www.medinfo.umft.ro/rsmi/index.htm, from the American society: www.ania-caring.org and from ACENDIO, The Association for Common European Nursing Diagnoses, Interventions and Outcomes: http://www.acendio.net/

4. *Promote linkages and collaborative activities with national and international nursing and healthcare informatics groups and nursing and health care organisations globally.*

  - Promote linkages and activities with the participation at ACENDIO, Eighth European Conference of the Association for Common European Nursing Diagnoses Interventions and Outcomes, 25-26 March, Funchal, Madeira, Portugal (representative Corina Vernic, PhD); http://www.acendio.net/Conference11/home.htm

5. *Provide, promote and support informatics meetings, conferences, electronic communication forums to enable opportunities for the sharing of ideas, developments and knowledge*

  - NI Working Group is still visible through the web site RSMI, through which conferences and lectures can be watched. We may also debate upon various ideas allowing development and a better knowledge in the field of nursing; http://www.medinfo.umft.ro/rsmi/grupuri_lucru_en.htm;
  - At the annual conference in Medical Informatics, RO-MEDINF 2012, held in Timisoara, 15-17 November 2012, with the organization of a Workshop "Professional development in Nursing", with 10 presentation http://www.medinfo.umft.ro/rsmi/romedinf_2012/program_romedinf.pdf .

6. *To participate in IMIA working group and special interest groups to present a nursing perspective.*

  - 2011 attendance at IMIA-NI General Assembly 2011, 24 March, Funchal, Madeira, Portugal (representative Corina Vernic, PhD); http://www.acendio.net/Conference11/home.htm

7. *Develop recommendations, guidelines, tools and courses related to Nursing Informatics.*
  - Development of Medical Informatics courses in the University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Faculty of Medicine, nursing courses include components of informatics;
  - Projecting masters in NI, together with other accredited masters at whom we already have nurse's participation (Master – The management of social and health services, Master – Prevention and cardio-pulmonary rehabilitation etc).

8. *Encourage the publication and dissemination of research and development materials in the field of Nursing Informatics*

  - attendance at The 10th National Conference with international participation of General Nurses, Midwives and Nurses from Romania. The Nurse -Science and conscience, commitment and responsibility, 26 to 29 September, Cluj-Napoca: http://medevents.ro/conferintaoasm2012/ ;
  - Conferences and national courses were conducted under the guidance and support offered by the nursing informatics working group:

  - Annual National Conference Anaesthesia Intensive Care, SRATI 2012, 16-20 May, Sinaia; nurses had communication sessions at the conference. All presented work was published in the Romanian and Anesthesia Intensive Care. Participation is accredited by the Order of General Nurses, Midwives and Nurses in Romania (OAMR-for nurses); http://www.sraticongres.ro/ ;

- National Guidelines and Protocols Course in Anaesthesiology, Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine, 3-6 October, Timisoara: www.atitimisoara.ro, with significant participation of nurses from Timisoara and from all over the country (18 credits - OAMR-for nurses); http://www.atitimisoara.ro/congres.php ;

- The 23rd Meeting of European Society for Computing and Technology in Anesthesia and Intensive Care, 3-6 octombrie, Timisoara: www.atitimisoara.ro ;

- Some articles from the workshop "Professional development in Nursing", RO-MEDINF 2012, was publish in Annals. Computer Science Series:

http://anale-informatica.tibiscus.ro/?page=02_rezumate&link=v10f2

9. *To support and work with patients, families, communities and societies to adopt and manage informatics approaches to healthcare*.

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10. *Ensure the group is more visible by providing up to date information on the web site enabling external groups e.g. WHO, ICN to access as required*.

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