

# Global Signature Recognition for Nurse Practitioners in California

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## Background

- California is one of 15 states in the nation with a regulatory structure that restricts nurse practitioner (NP) practice, including the lack of a global approach to signature recognition
- Global statutes authorize NPs to: “sign, attest, certify, stamp, verify, endorse, or provide an affidavit for any form that a physician can supply, provided it is within the nurse practitioner’s scope of practice”

## Purpose Statement

- To develop a roadmap to action using a Delphi technique to support legislation for global signature recognition (GSR) for NPs in California

## Policy Delphi

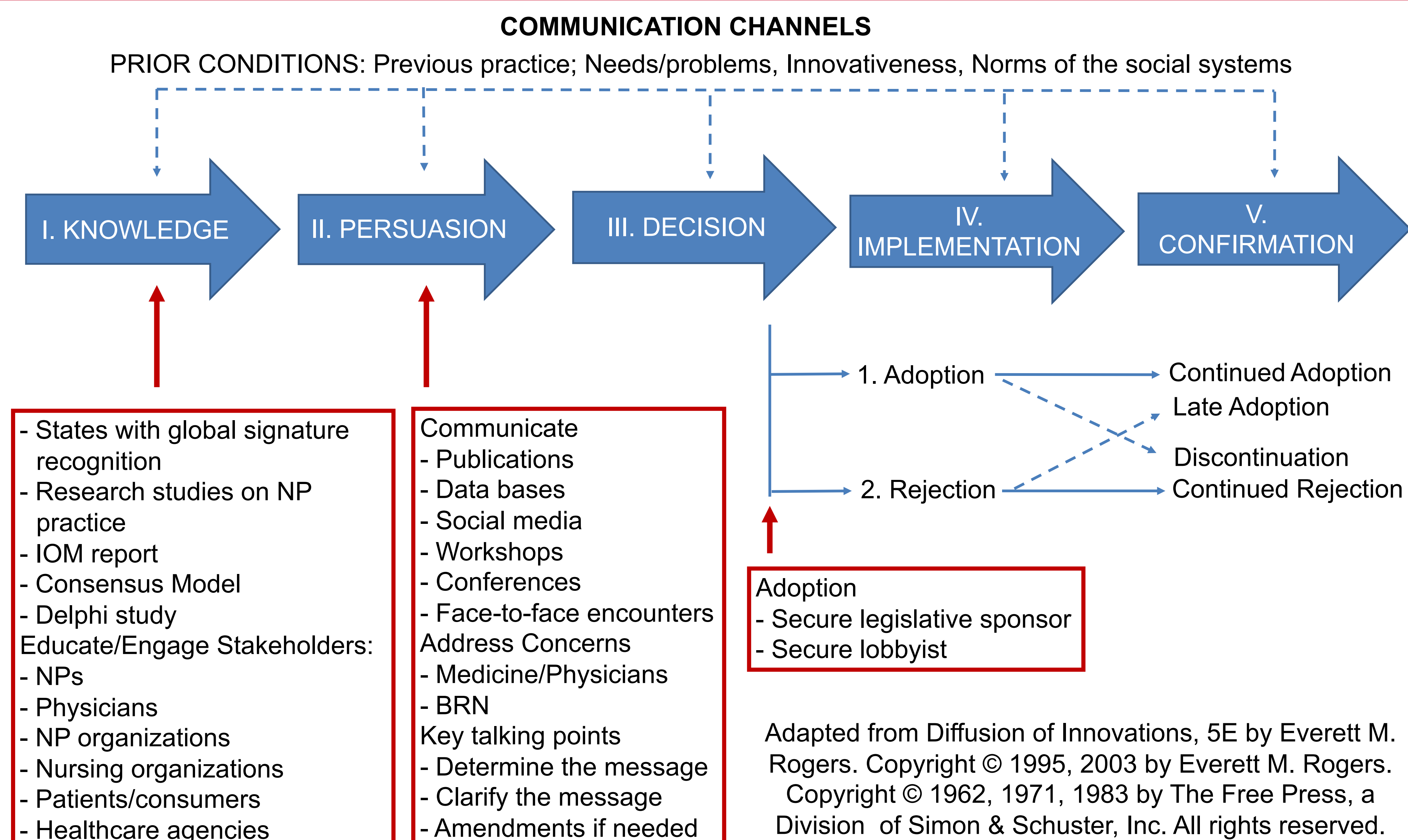
Purposive sampling followed by snowball sampling: clinical NPs, nursing faculty, nursing administrators, physicians, leaders in nursing organizations/agencies

Round 1: 21/33 participants (63.64%)  
Development of emerging themes

Round 2: 19/21 participants (90.47%)  
Clarity for effect and relevance

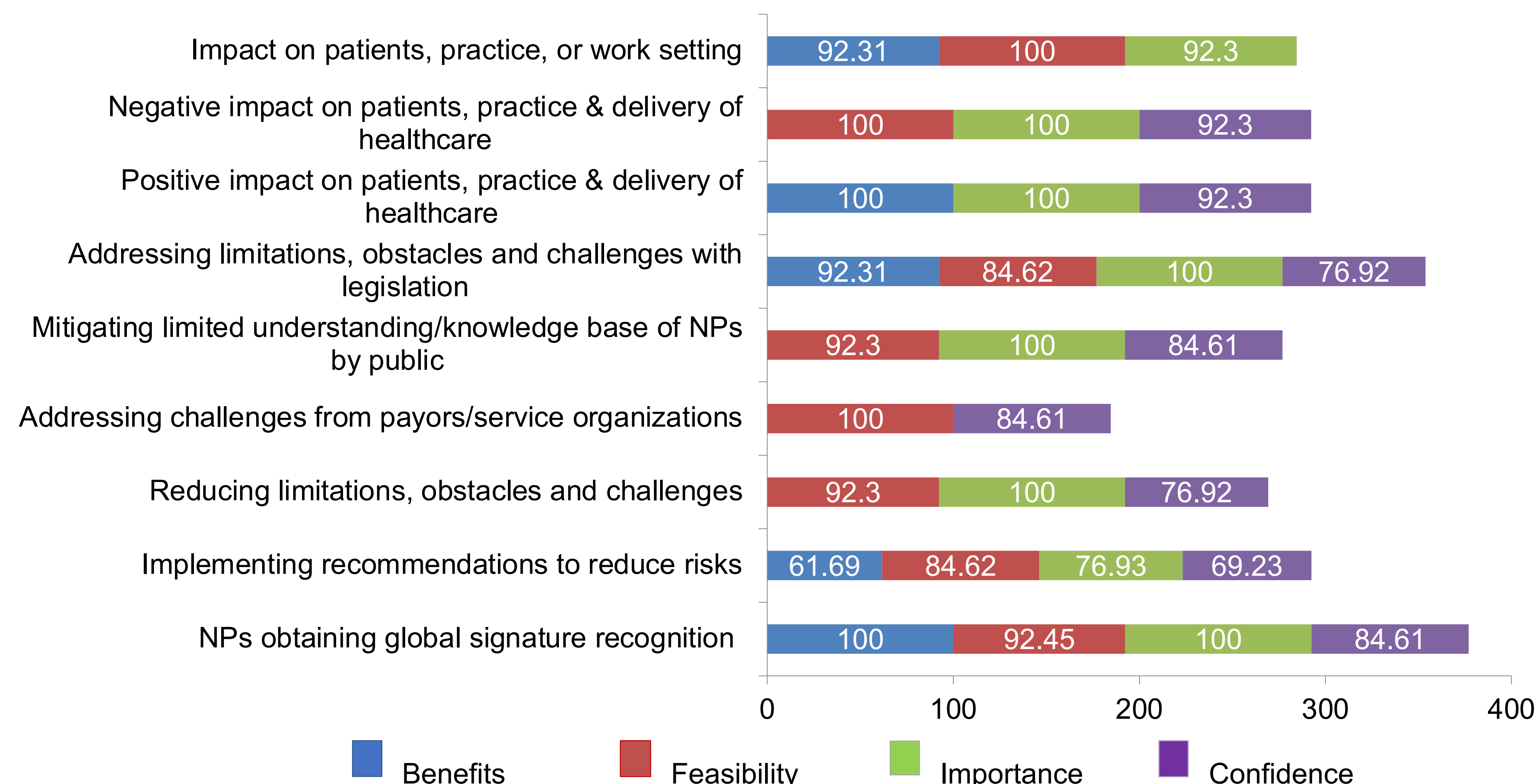
Round 3: 13/19 participants (68.42%)  
Determine Benefits, Feasibility, Importance, and Confidence

## Everett Rogers Diffusion of Innovation



## Results

### Participants Views on the Benefits, Feasibility, Importance of GSR and their Confidence of its Attainability in California



## Themes Defining a Roadmap to Action

- Barriers to NP practice: GSR**
  - Removes barriers for NPs
  - Facilitates comprehensive care
  - Improves patient access/streamlines care
  - Enables ability to sign death certificates
- Effect on physicians: GSR**
  - Streamlines physician workflow
  - Ensures role of physicians is not diminished
  - Improves coordination/efficiency of care and patient, staff, physician satisfaction
  - Recognizes the care NPs can provide
- Education focus:**
  - NP training/knowledge of their scope of practice
  - Strengthen public knowledge and understanding of NP scope of practice
  - NP students receive training/knowledge of NP scope of practice
  - Agencies' recognition of NP signatures
- Cost**
  - Educating NPs on GSR
  - Redesigning forms to include NP
  - Containing rising costs of healthcare with implementation of GSR

## Conclusion

### Roadmap to global signature recognition

- Focus on the patient
- Benefits to physicians
- Educate NPs on scope of practice
- Educate agencies/public on role of NP
- Contain costs