



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 COMMUNICATION CHANNELS PRIOR CONDITIONS: Previous practice; Needs/problems, Innovativeness, Norms of the social systems I. KNOWLEDGE III. DECISION II. PERSUASION CONFIRMATION **IMPLEMENTATION Continued Adoption** 1. Adoption Late Adoption - States with global signature Communicate Discontinuation **Publications** recognition Continued Rejection 2. Rejection Research studies on NP Data bases Social media practice Workshops IOM report Conferences Consensus Model Adoption Face-to-face encounters - Delphi study - Secure legislative sponsor Educate/Engage Stakeholders: Address Concerns Secure lobbyist Medicine/Physicians BRN - Physicians Adapted from Diffusion of Innovations, 5E by Everett M. Key talking points - NP organizations Rogers. Copyright © 1995, 2003 by Everett M. Rogers. Determine the message Nursing organizations Copyright © 1962, 1971, 1983 by The Free Press, a Clarify the message Patients/consumers Division of Simon & Schuster, Inc. All rights reserved. - Amendments if needed - Healthcare agencies

Results

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



Themes Defining a Roadmap to Action

1. Barriers to NP practice: GSR

- Removes barriers for NPs
- Facilitates comprehensive care
- Improves patient access/streamlines care
- Enables ability to sign death certificates

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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