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Nursing Informatics International Speaker Tours PEI

Dr. Kathryn J. Hannah, C.M. PhD, RN was a guest speaker at Prince County and Queen Elizabeth hospitals on September 21, 2016, speaking on the topic of Nursing Informatics. The event was hosted by the Association of Registered Nurses of Prince Edward Island (ARNPEI) and sponsored by Allscripts, was directed to raising funds for a new national nursing scholarship in her name in partnership between the Canadian Nursing informatics community and the Canadian Nurses Foundation.

Dr. Hannah C.M., PhD, RN is Canada's first Nurse Informatician and has made foundational changes to the practice of nursing and health care nationally and internationally through education, scholarship, transforming initiatives like C--HOBIC, and standards development leadership. In 2015, Dr. Hannah received the Canadian Health Informatics Award (CHIA) for Leadership from COACH, (Canada's Health Informatics Association) and ITAC (Information Technology Association of Canada). Also in 2015, Dr. Hannah was appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada for her lifetime achievements in Nursing and health informatics.

Nursing informatics is the term used to capture the key role that nurses play in gathering, sharing, transmitting and using data for decision making within the health system. Nurses are the biggest users of data as part of care delivery and evaluation of the impact of health care on patient outcomes - 24/7 in every setting, in every region across Canada and around the world. Despite this, there is evidence that only about 4% of nurses are consulted about organizational software and hardware purchases linked to electronic health records and organizations often do not collect vital data about nursing care process and related patient outcomes. This is a significant gap in our decision making capacity about patient care.

Dr. Hannah's presentation outlined the past, present and future directions for nursing and health informatics and encouraged the audience to become more engaged and informed about the importance of the role of the nurse in this vital aspect of healthcare. The scholarship will support more nurses to pursue graduate degrees in this the field of health information. For more information on the scholarship, go to <http://cnf-fiic.ca/>

Pictured from left to right are: Dr. Kathryn Hannah, Carol Walker RN and Cathy MacIsaac RN discussing informatics opportunities at Prince County Hospital in Summerside PE.



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