14.6: Summary

SUMMARY

Information technology has advanced the delivery of health care services. There are many benefits, including quick access to up-to-date medical information, accessibility for clients who may otherwise have to travel long distances to meet with a specialist, and availability of information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at the click of a button. Nurses must consider legal and ethical challenges related to the use of technology in health care in order to provide safe, efficient, and effective care to all clients either virtually or in person.

After completing this chapter, you should now be able to:

1. Define the terms nursing informatics, e–Health, and m–Health.
2. Identify the risks and benefits of using electronic health records.
3. Recognize the need for standardized terminologies.
4. Verbalize the role and importance of telehealth and telehomecare.
5. Differentiate between telehealth and telehomecare.
6. Recognize and understand the various web 2.0 tools used in health care.
7. Discuss the role of nurses in developing clients’ health literacy.
8. Describe the necessary steps to ensure privacy and security of personal health information.
Exercises

1. Review your current social media presence then describe the risks and benefits of using social media in a professional setting. Reflect on what you found. Now consider any risks and benefits related to your nursing image and professionalism.

2. Review the Health on the Net (HON) code principles for medical and health websites. Find three websites that relate to your area of clinical interest. Would you recommend these websites to your clients? Why or why not?

3. Reflect on a situation where a member of a health care team was reprimanded for posting information on social media. How will you ensure that you are maintaining confidentiality using social media?

4. Review HIPA, HIPAA, and FOIP guidelines. How do you ensure that you are maintaining health information confidentiality in the clinical setting? What steps are taken by a health care organization to ensure confidentiality of health information? What information can a client request to see before, during, or after receiving medical care? What steps must be taken by the client to receive their personal health information?

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