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Report of ACENDIO Workshop 2022 Improving the Quality of Nursing Care through Standardized Nursing Languages (SNLs): Principles and Implications

Biennial Workshop and General Assembly sponsored by the ACENDIO was held on April 21, 2022, in St. Pölten, Austria. The workshop was discussion forum on supporting the evidence-based implementation of SNTs into practice and EHRs and facilitating SNL education principles across countries. It included recommendations built upon prior literature, ACENDIO workshop, and national and international guidelines for standardized nursing languages. These documented principles will identify points of agreement about nursing languages across countries as it applies to health care, research impact, visibility of nursing, and make recommendations to advance the delivery of quality nursing care.

Building on our previous "ACENDIO questionnaire from 10 years ago and a "Pre-Determined Landscape Assessment Questionnaire" on Standard Nursing Terminologies: A Landscape Analysis by The Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (available: https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/snt_final_05302017.pdf), the ACENDIO workgroup developed a questionnaire with 24 questions. The survey contained demographics, 14 items related to SNLs, 3 items related to electronic health records and their usability of documenting nursing care. The primary purpose of this survey was to assess the use of different ACENDIO countries' SNLs and the experiences with the use and interoperability of different electronic health record systems.

A link to the survey was sent to 26 countries that are members of ACENDIO. We received a total of 17 responses, from fourteen different countries (response rate 65.4 %).

During the workshop participants discussed about the issues raised in the questionnaire and their own experiences in different countries.

Workshop Recommendations

ACENDIO Workshop held in St. Pölten recommends:

- Members to join the working group to continue to work on good principles of implementation of SNL into practice, reporting situations in different countries and to present results at ACENDIO conferences in the future.
- ACENDIO believes that continuity of care depends on good documentation and that well-designed eHealth systems can support safe, high-quality care, promoting evidence-based practice through improved recall, diagnostic reasoning and clinical decision support.
- Working together in especially cross-border care, care plan and its content can be used in another country, if patient data is going to be sent to another country. This

needs common terminology, preferably international terminology, that includes all the necessary elements and terms to be used and understood the same way.

- ACENDIO supports the adoption of valid SNLs and recommends creating general regulations regarding European nursing minimal data sets (NMDS). This NMDS should be interoperable with all SNLs that is used in different countries and able to unify SNLs in each country.

ACENDIO calls all interest groups on Nursing Informatics and SNLs to work together and find ways to share information and work together despite the terminology used.

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