

Interview with Informatics Nurse Specialist

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The informatics nurse specialists (INS) can take on many roles in healthcare. The American Nurses Association (ANA) in their 2015 *Nursing Informatics: Scope and Standards of Practice, Second Edition* has listed the current yet evolving functional areas for nursing informatics (NI). These areas include: administration, leadership, and management; systems analysis and design; compliance and integrity management; consultation; coordination, facilitation, and integration; development of systems, products, and resources; educational and professional development; genetics and genomics; information management/operational architecture; policy development and advocacy; quality and performance improvement; research and evaluation; and safety, security, and environmental health (McGonigle & Mastrian, 2018). An interview was performed via telephone with an informatics nurse specialist working under the title of Solutions Analyst for a large healthcare company that includes 23 hospitals, over 150 clinics and a medical group in the state of Utah (B.G., personal communication, March 15, 2019). Here, the results of the interview will be reported, along with an analysis as well as a discussion of insights gained.

Interview Results

An interview was conducted with an INS who has been working in the field for over five years. His clinical background was in acute care, intensive care unit (ICU) and oncology before entering the field of informatics. While his current title is Solutions Analyst, his position has evolved over the years, and he has held titles such as Computer Information Systems (CIS) Analyst and Informatics Analyst. When the specialty of nursing informatics was new to the organization he was under the umbrella of Information Technology (IT) as an Information